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Anthony Thorne
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Dear Anthony,

RE: LOT 4 DP615261 AND LOT DP374315, OCEAN DRIVE, LAKE CATHIE

In response to your request, I have reviewed the materials you have forwarded to me including:

- Draft Revegetation Plan (document 13922/13974);
- "Exhibit 4: Indicative Structure Plan. Lot 4, DP 615261 & Lot 1 DP 374315 Lake Cathie;"
- "Existing Condition of SEPP 26 Littoral Rainforest. Lot 4, DP 615261 & Lot 1 DP 374315 Lake Cathie;"
- "Exhibit 5: Typical Buffer to SEPP 26 Littoral Rainforest and Typical Cross Section;" and
- "Exhibit 6: Indicative Cross Section through SEPP 26 Littoral Rainforest."

Considering the information contained in these documents, I believe that the proposed land uses within the 100m buffer to the SEPP 26 Littoral Rainforest meet the objectives of SEPP 26. The buffer is well designed and will provide a very high level of protection from all likely threats to the SEPP 26 rainforest.

In particular, I note that the species proposed for revegetation planting are all local rainforest species and this will help prevent fires encroaching on the western edge of the existing littoral rainforest. In addition, I note that no tall buildings will be located within 40 metres of the edge of the existing rainforest. My previous concern was that tall buildings within 40m of the existing edge of the littoral rainforest could create eddies that would bring salt-laden south-east winds back onto the previously protected western edge of the rainforest. I have no concerns that 3 to 4 storey buildings located 70m from the edge could set up an eddy effect that would increase salt deposition in the SEPP 26 rainforest.

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Please feel free to call me on 02 66891993 if you require any further clarification.

Yours faithfully

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