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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 11:43 AM
To: Environment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: summary of conversation about the Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Please find below a submission on the Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan from [REDACTED]. It is a record of a conversation between [REDACTED] and myself about the draft plan.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 9:49 PM
To: Wimpenny, Claire
Subject: Re: summary of conversation about the Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

thanks for writing this up. I have made my edits below. I am happy for this to be included as a formal submission. Regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 6:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: summary of conversation about the Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[REDACTED]

Good to chat yesterday. Below is a summary of our phone conversation about the Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan based on the notes I took. Could you please check this and let me know if you have any edits or additions (including both things I may have missed or anything new you would like to include) and also indicate that you are happy for me to include the information as a formal submission on the draft plan? The consultation period ends this Friday 24th March 2017, so if you could get back to me by COB 23rd March 2017 that would be great. As discussed, any points that do not relate directly to the draft plan will be passed on to the relevant work unit within ACT Government.

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

- The NSW process involves downloading a form, completing it and attaching relevant documentation and lodging. There is usually a follow-up phone call from a NSW Government staff member to discuss and finalise numbers of kangaroos to be licenced for culling. [REDACTED] considers this process to be relatively efficient for all parties in the process.
- In comparison [REDACTED] considers that the ACT process is far more onerous than NSW with a much higher benchmark, which doesn't make much sense to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. For example [REDACTED] approached 6 experienced shooters to go through the ACT proficiency / licencing process. They all seem to have dropped out/lost interest in the ACT process, but are still interested in conducting a cull in NSW, [REDACTED].
- The ACT licence process encouraged applicants to be ready by the start of the ACT kangaroo shooting season (1st March) to ensure enough time was available to complete cull numbers. [REDACTED] has not yet (at 20 March) been notified if [REDACTED] application has been successful, noting that further information was still being supplied in the past week. This process appears convoluted, lengthy and inefficient in comparison to the NSW system.
- [REDACTED] recognises ACT community concerns have probably lead to this process, and [REDACTED] made a suggestion that if this is the process that we have to have on ACT land, then it would be much more efficient for all involved if the ACT Government organised and conducted the cull (as they are already doing this on land managed for conservation) on [REDACTED] land, and [REDACTED] paid for the services of the cull contractors.
- [REDACTED] agreed to the suggestions of [REDACTED] that an online application form for the ACT process and providing landholders with a list of accredited shooters may improve the process.

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- [REDACTED] stated that the economic impacts of kangaroos on [REDACTED] property were broader than the impacts listed in the draft plan and included damage to fences caused by kangaroos.
- [REDACTED] has in the last few years seen an increase in the number of kangaroos moving through [REDACTED] property (presumably from nearby ACT Government managed land) to the road verge at night to feed. This is causing damage to [REDACTED] fences and more kangaroos are being injured on the roads, resulting in an animal welfare issue.
- [REDACTED] suggested a 'Stewardship payment' from the ACT Government would assist [REDACTED] and other landholders with dealing with economic impacts of kangaroos on their property (e.g. help cover the cost of repairing fencing damaged by kangaroos). It would also take the pressure off the economics of having to cull as there would be a financial return akin to agistment.

In general [REDACTED] admires and respects kangaroos and hopes that there are further advancements in their overall sustainable management.

Regards

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