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Submission : Kangaroo Management Plan - Canberra.

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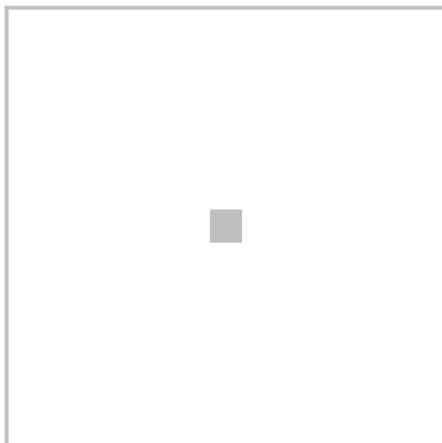
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Date: Thursday, 16 February 2017 1:57:44 PM
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Enclosed are submissions in support of [REDACTED] The final one is a response to an email I sent [REDACTED] asking for clarification.

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Yes, I can confirm I sent them as examples relating to information sent in my submission regarding kangaroo management plans, if this is found to be illegal knowing that if I complain again then there would be no trace of this information found on Gumtree.

Feel free to ring me if you have any further questions.

I received five versions of the attached email. The message seems a bit strange to me in that it seems you didn't write it. Did you want these emails included in your submission?

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