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Hi Angelina

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Confirming we are comfortable with your proposed amendments.

Please do let us know if you need any further information to proceed.

Regards

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Dear [REDACTED]

We have reviewed your suggested scope for refinement and discussed it with the relevant Divisions across Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD). We are of the view that the scope is more manageable and only suggest some minor changes (see below).

On the ESO, we request:

All communications, documents and correspondence held by Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate from November 2019 until 31 August 2022 specifically related to any application for, consultation on, or development of an Environmental Significance Opinion for the proposed retirement village development on Federal Golf Club in the location designated in the draft Red Hill Integrated Plan, between:

- a. the Office of the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna;*
- b. ~~EPSDD officials~~ ~~ACT Government officials~~ including Stacey Taylor, Laura Rayner, Michael Mulvaney;*
- c. Mbark FGC Retirement Pty Ltd and its directors, employees, contractors and agents, including but not limited to any person associated with its consultants Umwelt, Tania Parkes & Associates or Canberra Town Planning;*
- d. Federal Golf Club and its directors, employees, contractors and agents, including but not limited to [REDACTED];*
- e. the Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group commonly known as the Red Hill Regenerators and its members including but not limited to [REDACTED];*
- f. the Garran and Hughes Residents Action Group (GAHRAG) and its members including but not limited to [REDACTED];*

And, all communications, documents and correspondence held by Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate outlining or declaring a conflict of interest in relation to any application for, consultation on, or development of an Environmental Significance Opinion for the proposed retirement village development on Federal Golf Club in the location designated in the draft Red Hill Integrated Plan, including but not limited to the following parties:

- a. Laura Rayner, as a subject matter expert upon whose contributions and advice the proponent's ESO application relies and who was asked to review the application by the Office of the Conservator of Flora and Fauna;*
- b. Stacey Taylor, as a subject matter expert upon whose advice the proponent's ESO*

application relies and who was asked to review the application by the Office of the Conservator of Flora and Fauna;

c. Red Hill Regenerators generally and/or [REDACTED]

d. Michael Mulvaney, Conservation Officer for the Red Hill Regenerators, as a subject matter expert upon whose advice the proponent's ESO application relies;

e. [REDACTED] Member of the Red Hill Regenerators, Co-Convenor of the Garran and Hughes Residents Action Group, [REDACTED] Garran, as a source of research that was used to favourably assess the merits of the proposal.

On the relocation of the development site to the southern part of the club land we request:

All communications, documents and correspondence held by Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate between 25 October 2017 and November 2019 specifically related to relocating the proposed site of Federal Golf Club's retirement village development from near the existing clubhouse to the current location (as first outlined in the Draft Red Hill Integrated Plan November 2019) on the southern part of the course, including the development of an access road off Kitchener Street, AND the ceding of approximately 12 hectares of Federal Golf Club land back into the Red Hill Nature Reserve, between:

a. the Office of the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna;

b. ACT Planning Authority;

c. Transport Canberra and City Services;

d. ~~EPSDD officials ACT Government officials~~ including but not limited to Alix Kaucz, Michael Mulvaney;

e. Mbark FGC Retirement Pty Ltd and its directors, employees, contractors and agents, including but not limited to any person associated with its consultants Umwelt, Tania Parkes & Associates or Canberra Town Planning;

f. Federal Golf Club and its directors, employees, contractors and agents, including but not limited to [REDACTED]

g. the Red Hill Bush Regeneration Group commonly known as the Red Hill Regenerators and its members including but not limited to [REDACTED]

h. the Garran and Hughes Residents Action Group (GAHRAG) and its members including but not limited to [REDACTED]

And, all communications, documents and correspondence held by Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate outlining or declaring a conflict of interest in relation to the ceding of approximately 12 hectares of Golf Club land not currently used for golf into the Red Hill Nature Reserve, including but not limited to the following parties:

a. Red Hill Regenerators and/or [REDACTED]

b. Michael Mulvaney, Conservation Officer for the Red Hill Regenerators;

c. [REDACTED] Member of the Red Hill Regenerators, Co-Convenor of the Garran and Hughes Residents Action Group, [REDACTED] Garran, as a source of research that was used to favourably assess the merits of the proposal;

d. Any other individual or organisation.

These changes will allow us to focus on the information held by our Directorate and its employees - which will include the following Divisions/statutory office holders: Statutory Planning, Planning and Urban Policy, Environment Heritage and Parks, Conservator of Flora and Fauna, Chief Planning Executive and Territory Planning Authority (formerly ACT Planning Authority). Without these changes we will be required to consult with other ACT Directorates (including negotiating partial transfers and comparing documents they may hold within the scope - if any), which will impact on our resourcing and the timelines for processing your application. This change will not limit us from including documents within scope that we have received from, or sent to, Transport Canberra and City Services.

Please advise if you are agreeable to the above changes.

Following your agreement, we will then accept the above scope as your 'amended application' under section 46(2) of the FOI Act and the processing clock will commence. As previously discussed, there will be significant third party consultation required in relation to your application. With the standard 30-day processing time and additional 15 days for third party consultation. I note that your application is currently our highest priority application.

Thank you again for working with us to refine the scope of your application. Your ongoing cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated. I am available to discuss.

Kind regards

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I acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

