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### **RE: Western Ringtail Possum Management, Busselton Health Campus**

Dear Rory,

Further to our conversations and email correspondence over the last week regarding progress of the capture and translocation of Western Ringtail Possums (WRP) from the health campus site.

I am pleased to advise as of midday a total of 20 adult WRP animals having been removed from within the areas demarcated for clearing. This fulfils the clearing permit approval conditions and DEC's participation in this aspect of the project. I am confident this action will contribute significantly to the pre-clearing goal of minimising the displacement of animals on the site and ultimately reduce impact on the retained possum population.

Any possums remaining within the areas to be cleared are to be managed by your environmental consultants using the standard Possum Clearing Protocols documented in the WRP Management Plan. ie: animals to be relocated from the clearing areas to the conservation zones at dusk. If implemented in this manner I am confident that any potential negative animal welfare issues associated the clearing operation will be minimised.

As previously conveyed last week, with the capture phase now complete and above processes in place DEC endorses the commencement of the vegetation clearing consistent with the approved Clearing Permit #4433/1.

Yours sincerely

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