

Standing Committee on the Environment, Communications & the Arts.

Dear Committee Members,

Thankyou for your letter dated 19 September 2008 regarding the Committee's inquiry into the Environment Protection (Biodiversity Conservation) Act for the compliance and monitoring of the Clarence Valley / Coffs Harbour Regional Water Supply Project, Shannon Creek, NSW.

In response to the above inquiry Clarence Valley Council would like to advise the Standing Committee the site in question was audited by DEWHA (Compliance & Enforcement Branch) on 18-19 September 2007 (EPBC ref 2005/2191). The site was found to be in full compliance. Point 3 of the Compliance Audit Report 'Audit Findings' states; *'No non-compliance were determined during the audit, and a high-level of compliance with the EPBC Act conditions of approval was noted'*.

Council would also like to advise the regional water supply project has progressed in accordance with the General Terms of Approval issued various NSW State Government agencies.

Should you require any further clarification please contact Council. Additionally, Council would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt on this matter.

Kind regards

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