

Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Reference: EPBC 2011/6004 Email: <u>epbcmonitoring@environment.gov.au</u>

Ms Bridget Negri MinterEllison GPO Box 769 Melbourne VIC 3001

Dear Ms Negri,

RE: Expansion of the existing Burnside Shopping Centre, Burnside, Victoria (EPBC 2011/6004)

I refer to your letter of 6 March 2020 on behalf of Ranfurlie Developments Pty Ltd project to expand the existing Burnside Shopping Centre in Burnside, Victoria. The project received approval on the 14 April 2016 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and has 9 conditions attached to the approval (EPBC 2011/6004).

Condition 5 of the approval requires that prior to commencement of construction the approval holder is required to invite a suitably qualified expert to collect seeds or other genetic material from Spiny Rice Flower individuals at the proposed action site.

The Department is in receipt of Dr. Debbie Reynolds' report of 15 December 2017 concerning seed collection from an area of land along the Western Highway, near the Burnside Hub shopping centre. As such, the Department can confirm that requirements under condition 1 (letter of acknowledgment sent on 9 December 2019) and condition 5 have been met.

Please note that conditions of the approval require the approval holder to maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the approval conditions so that they can be made available to the Department on request. These documents may be subject to audit and be used to verify compliance. Summaries of audits may be published by the Department.

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Section 142 of the Act requires an approval holder to comply with conditions attached to an approval. Penalties may apply to approval holders who contravene conditions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Kranti Kulkarni at epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Ms Tonr Hart A/g Director Environment Audit March 2020