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Dear Ms Venkatasamy

CLEARING PERMIT CPS 818/15 – CAUSEWAY PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING BRIDGE (CPCB) - APPROVAL OF CLEARING ASSESSMENT REPORT AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

I refer to Main Roads Western Australia's (MRWA) proposed clearing of 0.62 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of construction and installation of a new pedestrian and cycling bridge adjacent to the Causeway bridge via Heirisson Island.

I note that MRWA seeks approval of the Clearing Assessment Report (CAR) and Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and an exemption from the requirement to implement an offset in accordance with the conditions of CPS 818/15.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has reviewed the CAR and VMP and assessed the proposal against the clearing principles set out in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

In relation to clearing principle (f), you advise that the proposed clearing 'is at variance' given the project will impact 0.22 hectares of planted riparian vegetation comprising 0.1 hectares of Conservation Category Wetland associated with the Swan River Estuary. I agree with this determination. I also agree with MRWA's determination that the proposed clearing 'is not likely to be at variance' to the remaining clearing principles.

I agree that the impact to riparian vegetation is not significant given that the small extent of vegetation proposed to be cleared that is in a predominantly completely degraded condition. I also consider that the proposed clearing is not likely to result in significant residual impacts to riparian vegetation associated with the Swan River. In accordance with condition 11(a) of CPS 818/15, I advise that MRWA is not required to provide an offset proposal for the proposed clearing as proposed.

In relation to the VMP provided, DWER has reviewed the document and in accordance with condition 7(j) of CPS 818/15, I approve the VMP for the clearing as proposed.

Please note, advice received from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) noted that as the clearing is located within the Swan Canning Development Control Area (DCA), a permit from DBCA may be required unless it forms part of a development application under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*. Please ensure that you comply with your obligations under the *Swan Canning River Regulations 2007* for the proposal.

If you have any queries in relation to the matters raised above, please contact Senior Environmental Officer, Jessica Burton, on 6364 7100.

Yours sincerely

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Officer delegated under section 20
of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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