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Dear John,

**Re. Gregory Hills Residential Subdivision – Stage 2
Flora and Fauna Assessment**

We have undertaken a review of the above development and can confirm that the proposal is currently located on certified land according to the Growth Centres State Environmental Planning Policy (referred to as the 'Growth Centres SEPP').

The Growth Centres SEPP has been 'bio-certified' by order of the Minister for the Environment under s.126G of the TSC Act. The mechanism for achieving this is outlined in the *Growth Centres Conservation Plan* (Eco Logical Australia, 2007) and the conditions for bio-certification are documented in the Ministers order for consent¹. Bio-certification negates the requirement for impact assessment under s.5A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* thus turning off the requirements for seven part tests or species impact statements.

We have also assessed the site in relation to the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* listing of Cumberland Plain Woodland (CPW) as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community. Due to the small size and poor quality of vegetation on site, we can confirm that it does not meet the definition of CPW under this act.

Further assessment of the ecological values of this site is not required. Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me on (02) 8536 8600.

Yours sincerely,



Steven House
Director

¹ <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/nature/biocertordwsgcentres.pdf>