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Dear Belinda,

GWR Group Limited (GWR) are proposing to develop the Eagle and Emu Prospects within the Wiluna West Banded Ironstone Formation (BIF) ranges.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, Native Vegetation Solutions (NVS) was commissioned by GWR via Clark Lindbeck and Associates (CLA) to complete a Targeted Threatened Flora survey at the Eagle and Emu Prospects.

GPS locations of the survey areas were provided to NVS by CLA. A total survey area of approximately 192.10 ha was traversed via Yamaha Viking and on foot. Previously known locations of Priority Flora identified in several previous reports were also visited in the field: JSWT (2006), KLA (2010), Markey and Dillon (2009), Read (2010) and NVS (2010 & 2011). Population boundaries of recorded Priority Flora were loosely followed with ±10 metre buffers. Depending on the density of plants observed at each site, lots of 5, 10, 20, 30, 50 or 100 plants were individually counted and marked with a GPS location as the population boundary was walked.

Survey efforts were concentrated in areas of suitable habitat for Priority Flora, particularly on ridges and the sloping plains below them, whereas unsuitable habitat was surveyed less intensively.

Priority Flora encountered was marked with a GPS and a tally of the plant numbers was conducted (Table 1 below). The locations of Priority Flora are included in Appendices attached.

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TAXONNAME	STAT	ABUNDANCE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	POPULATION	POPULATION	
Eremophila arachnoides subsp. arachnoides	Р3	200	119.954878	-26.740798	At least 5000	At most 4%	
Ptilotus chrysocomus	P1	1	119.958713	-26.740682	At least 1000	At most 0.1%	
Eremophila arachnoides subsp. arachnoides	Р3	2	119.958497	-26.741135	At least 5000	At most 0.04%	
Ptilotus chrysocomus	P1	2	119.950935	-26.749950	At least 1000	At most 0.2%	
Homalocalyx echinulatus	Р3	30	119.958146	-26.757574	At least 1000	At most 3%	

Table 1: Priority Flora encountered within the proposed disturbance area.

Although removal of the plants within the survey area is likely to have a low impact on these species locally, the regional implications are considered insignificant.

If you have any queries regarding this work completed, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above-mentioned contact details.

Kind Regards

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