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To Whom it May concern,

**RE: Senior High School Land, Lots 96 and 840**

I am writing on behalf of Esperance FESA to support the application that Esperance Senior High School is submitting to clear Lots 96 and 840 in order to extend their arable area. The school will find this extra land useful to provide more authentic learning experiences for grades 7 – 10, including:

- Establishing a small fodder crop each year.
- Expanding available pasture for existing livestock to help prevent need for summer feeding.

Clearing this land will have a positive impact on several areas that have been issues in the past, including:

- The bushfire threat this bushland poses to the high school campus in extreme weather events (as evidenced by the school's closure earlier this year).
- The weed species that have populated these areas will be more readily controlled (species including; Victorian Tea Tree, Bridal Creeper, Geraldton Wax, Calthrop, Double Gees, to name a few). Boundary control is already completed through slashing and spraying, but it is inadequate to control the noxious weeds that inhabit this bushland.
- By clearing the parcel of land, they will be able to eradicate a massive declared weed burden in this area (which has been discussed with the local NRM chapter) and also provide a far greater circle of safety from a bushfire to the High School, the Campus and the farm buildings.

I hope you find this letter useful in supporting this application.

Regards

GAVIN WORNES



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 FESA Esperance  
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