Dear Ron

**Gracetown – Transfer of Land to National Park**

I refer to the meeting on 29 September 2009 between you and representatives of Landcorp and the Gracetown Progress Association Inc. (GPA) at which the transfer into the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park (LNNP) of land not required for Landcorp’s proposed residential development at Gracetown was discussed.

At the meeting you outlined the current position with respect to the Notice of Intention to Transfer that was issued in November 2006 in relation to the balance of Lot 300, which is the first stage in transferring that land into the LNNP. As discussed at the meeting, the GPA’s position is that the whole of the townsite of Gracetown that is not required for the proposed Landcorp development should be transferred into the LNNP. This represents an area that is significantly larger than the balance of Lot 300 the subject of the NOITT.

At the meeting you indicated that you would be happy to initiate the process of investigating the transfer of additional land into the LNNP if the GPA could indicate what additional land it would like to see transferred. I enclose for your reference a map showing areas marked in blue that the community wish to see transferred into the LNNP. The attached map shows the area of the current townsite, with the boundary shown as a red dotted line.

When considering the map, please note the following few points:

- While the area marked in blue is less than the whole of the remaining townsite, the GPA believes that it is more appropriate for the roads and the areas adjacent to the beaches and shoreline to be managed by the Shire. We also recognise that DEC may not want to take on responsibility for management of these areas.
- We have left an area around the hall, tennis club and emergency services areas that we expect will be enough to meet future community needs.
• The area in red at the northern end of the Bay is an area around the boat ramp that is currently in the LNNP but which we feel should probably go into Shire control.
• The area at the southern end of the Bay in magenta is an area around the site of the cliff collapse and has been suggested as a site of significance or heritage site.
• The lines show the GPA’s view of the in principle demarcation between land to be managed by the Shire as Parks and Recreation/Reserve/Emergency Services area etc and by DEC as National Park. We recognise that the exact boundaries will require the agreement of State Land Services, the Shire, DEC and the community of Gracetown.

We would appreciate it if you could let us know as soon as possible the detailed procedure and timing of your consultation with the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, DEC and the relevant Ministers. Please also let us know if there is any further information or assistance that we can provide in order to expedite this process.

Yours sincerely

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