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APPENDIX H.5

Explanation as to why the applicant did not obtain environmental authorisation

The applicant was not aware that the construction activities could not be undertaken before environmental authorisation was obtained.

The internal access road was developed to obtain access to the newly constructed shed behind the main dwelling. The applicant thought that they were allowed to construct the access road as the construction of the road itself did not require any environmental authorisation. However, the internal driveway was constructed to a width of 7 meters with the intent of providing access to the future subdivided portions and therefore requires a Section 24G application.

The applicant's main aim with the erection of the perimeter fence was to make the property safe and secure. The applicant was not aware that the positioning of the perimeter fence around the future subdivided Portion A & B of the property is be seen as a furtherance of the listed activity.

The clearing that has already been undertaken has been assessed by the Botanical Specialist to have taken place largely in areas of dense alien vegetation growth, and that there would have been very limited impact on indigenous species. Additionally, DAFF have been on site and have confirmed that the clearing undertaken has not affected any protected trees.

Sincerely,



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