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Mr Geoff Brown
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Dear Geoff,

ADI site, St Marys


I refer to your facsimile dated 4 August, 2004 in which you advise Council of the results of a recent inspection of the ADI site carried out with staff of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and Delfin Lend Lease.

Council's staff have discussed the findings of the site visit with DEC and Delfin Lend Lease. It is our understanding that a number of examples of *Pimelea spicata* were observed at a site within land to be incorporated into the Regional Park and at another site outside of the Regional Park. Delfin Lend Lease have indicated their preparedness to cease any slashing of land within the vicinity of the latter population of *Pimelea spicata* and DEC have discussed with Delfin Lend Lease how the population should be protected. It is relevant to note that comprehensive studies of flora and fauna have been carried out through the RES and REP planning process and additional studies will be carried out as part of the precinct planning process and as part of any later DA process should development be subsequently approved.

DEC has advised that scats or animal droppings found during the site visit could not be verified as koala scats due to the aged condition of the samples. Council was further advised that there was no evidence of a koala colony in that vicinity and that the markings on the tree were that of a goanna and not a koala. DEC considers that the koala scat samples found on the site may possibly result from the transitory movement along the South Creek or Ropes Creek corridors of one or more koalas. DEC staff have also advised Council that there is at present not sufficient evidence to justify a major koala survey.

Should you have any further queries in regard to these matters, please contact Tony Crichton on 4732-7723.

Yours faithfully,


Roger Nethercote
Acting Director ~ City Planning