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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 2012 in regard to the New South Wales Sydney Growth Centres Strategic Assessment Program Report (the Program).

The Program has been assessed under the strategic assessment provisions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). As you are aware, I endorsed the outcomes of the strategic assessment on 20 December 2011 as meeting the requirements of the EPBC Act for protection of matters of national environmental significance.

I wrote to you on 20 December 2011 to advise of my intention to approve development actions taken within the strategic assessment area in the Sydney Growth Centres under the Program and to provide you an opportunity to comment on my proposed decision.

I am pleased to advise that I have now made my final decision to approve development actions taken under the Program and a copy of the approval notice is enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. I have written separately to the New South Wales Minister for the Environment in similar terms.

Yours sincerely


Tony Burke

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