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Dear Genevieve,

Rix's Creek North Mod 7 (DA 08_0102) and Rix's Creek Mod 9 – (DA 49/94)

I refer to your email dated 24 July 2017 requesting comment on the draft consent conditions for the Rix's Creek North Mod 7 (DA 08_0102) and Rix's Creek Mod 9 (DA 49/94) projects.

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has undertaken a review of the draft consent conditions and with respect to Rix's Creek North Mod 7 (DA 08_0102), OEH suggests that the following changes be incorporated into consent condition 53:

- 1) Cleared trees should be replaced in a 2:1 ratio using like-for-like species
- 2) All replaced trees should be planted as tube-stock in areas which exclude stock grazing. Applying seeds to a pasture mix is not recommended.
- 3) Tree health should be monitored annually until all replacement trees reached the average height of those trees removed.

OEH has no further comments on the draft consent conditions for Rix's Creek Mod 7.

OEH has no comment on Rix's Creek Mod 9 (DA 49/94) draft consent conditions.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Robert Gibson, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3154.

Yours sincerely

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