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Dear Chris

On behalf of Lynette, Dick and myself I'd like to thank you and in particular Jacqui for the hospitality shown to us on our recent visit to Kachana. Additionally I'd like to thank you for the time you gave to us explaining your land management program. Our organisation supports in principle appropriate land management practices that improves soil health and promotes species biodiversity in the Rangelands of Western Australia. Our committee has reviewed the information tabled at our recent meeting including reports from that visit and your own information sent through prior to and after our visit. We also considered input from other Government and non-Government organisations within the Kimberley implementing their own land/native species conservation programs.

From this our firm conclusion is that we are unable to support the use of a declared species, in particular donkeys in any way as a landscape management tool. As you are aware we are in the final stages of our donkey eradication program in the Kimberley and we believe this program will greatly benefit both landholders and native species biodiversity within the Kimberley region.

Whilst it is the landholder's responsibility to control declared plants and animals on their land as you are aware we offer a culling service to landholders for donkeys. Kachana has been a participant in that program for some time. We will continue to offer this service to Kachana but would like now to extend it beyond the current 'no shoot' line agreed to in the past with DPIRD staff. We would also like to offer two alternative timeframes for you to consider for the removal of those donkeys. The first being a 'one off' shoot this year to remove the bulk of the donkeys and the placement of a number of collars on remnant animals to allow us to track and remove remaining animals over the ensuing couple of years. The other option we would like to offer is the gradual culling of the heard starting this year over a four year period, at approximately 25% of the current population each year. This would include the collaring of a number of animals to assist in tracking as part of that program.

Regarding the latter option, on viewing the land area in question we are extremely confident that cattle would act as an adequate replacement for the donkeys in your program. We understand you will be mustering cattle from outside that area in this coming dry season we believe that they could be introduced onto the site and are prepared to allow some time for that to happen.

We expect to be carrying out our cull program on donkeys across the Kimberley this year from May until November as per usual with Kachana programmed in for somewhere in between at least on a couple of occasions. On that basis are you able to respond back to us regarding the options we have put forward so we can best plan our program as soon as you are able.

Sincerely Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.R. Shaw". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a distinct loop at the end of the word "Shaw".

Mike Shaw

Chairperson

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018