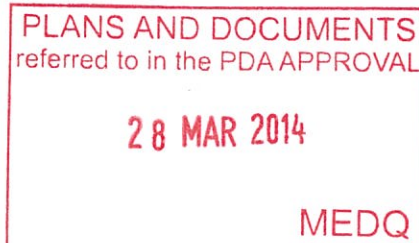


11/03/2014

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Dear Nicky,



RE: Significant Vegetation – Fitzgibbon Chase (Area F)

In response to your request to assess the ecological values of a number of trees proposed to be cleared within Areas F1 and F2 at Fitzgibbon Chase, the following documents the information collected during a site inspection by Julie Zyzniewski on the 5th March, 2014.

Area F1 is adjacent to an existing car park and includes an area proposed for the construction of a 2.5 m wide walking path along the edge of existing bushland (refer Bulk Earthworks Layout Plan B12185-507). Trees identified in this area were one Broad-leaved Paperbark *Melaleuca quinquenervia* and a double trunked Forest Red Gum *Eucalyptus tereticornis*.

Area F2 is located at the north-western end of area F1 and includes an area proposed for the construction of a bio-basin (refer Bulk Earthworks Layout Plan B12185-507). Trees identified in this area were six Forest Red Gum, two Narrow-leaved Ironbark *Eucalyptus crebra* and one Broad-leaved Paperbark.

All of the identified trees have a diameter at 1 m above the ground of >60 cm, and would therefore be considered significant vegetation as defined within the Fitzgibbon Bushland Management Plan.

None of the trees would be considered old growth and no hollows were present. All trees displayed a fairly sparse canopy.

Evidence of fauna usage of the identified trees was restricted to possum scratches (probably Common Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheirus peregrinus*) and a small bird's nest in one tree within Area F1.

Photographs representative of the identified trees are provided in **Attachment 1**.

We trust this information is suitable for your purposes. Please do not hesitate to contact us on 3286 7788 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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