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Minister for Finance and Deregulation

REF: C11/3122

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Dear Ms Jecks

Thank you for your letter concerning former Commonwealth owned land at Point Peron, Western Australia (WA).

I understand your concern to protect the environmental amenity of this important site. The Federal Government has an expectation that the WA Government will honour the undertakings previously given in relation to the site. The Commonwealth is not, however, in a position to require that the WA Government maintain Point Peron as recreation and/or park lands. It remains the state government's responsibility to determine the use of its land, including planning and environmental considerations.

The Commonwealth is in discussions with Landcorp, the WA Government's land development agency, regarding their plans for the site. If you have any further concerns, I recommend that you raise them with the relevant authority in the WA Government.

I appreciate the time you have taken to bring your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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