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Dear Beverly

Re: Venus Bay Wetland- Evergreen Eco Group's development effects on Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS)

As you would be aware I have made representations on your behalf to the Federal Department of Environment and Heritage. I have recently been contacted by the Department in regards to your concerns about the Evergreen Eco Group Development at Venus Bay and the possible effects on the PASS.

I was informed that under the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999) actions that are likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance are subject to a rigorous referral, assessment, and approval process by the Department.

The Department is well aware of your concerns in relation to the proposed development by Evergreen. However, as yet, the Evergreen Eco Group has not made any formal submission to the Department.

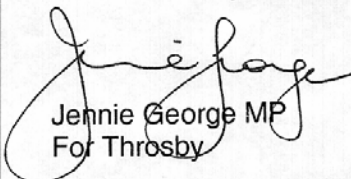
I have been assured that once an approach by Evergreen is made, the Department will then assess the application and proposals accordingly and intervene if they are deemed to be hazardous to the PASS at Venus Bay.

As this is still a Local and State Government matter, I cannot pursue it further until a referral is made to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely


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