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Dear Ms Duclos,

Thank you for the information that you provided Mr Harry Abrahams of the AHC at the recent Commonwealth/ Victorian briefing of conservation groups on the Deferred Forests Assessment (DFA) process and outcomes. You asked about the possibility of listing the mineral springs at Daylesford on the Register of the National Estate during the DFA process.

The process for including an area on the Register of the National Estate involves several phases including identification, assessment and documentation following the receipt of a nomination. This is a lengthy process customarily taking many months. The length of this assessment process is clearly related to available documentation and the complexity of the site. While there are provisions for accelerated listing for places under imminent threat it would however not be possible during the time available for the completion of the DFA.

I have enclosed some information regarding the listing process and a nomination form, that I encourage you complete and send to us to initiate the assessment processes. The forthcoming Comprehensive Regional Assessment (CRA) will include the identification of areas of national estate value in the Wombat Forests region. The completion of the enclosed nomination form outlining available information will assist that process.

I was very disappointed to be the subject of personal remarks by your representative at the Canberra briefing of conservation organisations on 3 October and note the apology made to Mr Abrahams. . I would appreciate reassurance that this approach does not represent the views of the Wombat Protection Society.

I assure you that the AHC is strongly committed to working with community organisations such as your Society on the identification and assessment of national estate values your area.

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