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Dear Mr Botha

LETTER OF WARNING FOR NON COMPLIANCE WITH THE *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986*

The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) has conducted an investigation into the clearing of 236 hectares of native vegetation on pastoral lease CL377/1966, Shamrock Station.

The Department has determined that there is prima facie evidence that the clearing was not authorised by a clearing permit and was not for a purpose exempt from the requirement for a clearing permit so is therefore a breach of section 51C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the Act).

The Act provides penalties upon conviction for an offence of this nature of up to \$500 000.00 for a body corporate or \$250 000.00 for an individual.

After consideration of the circumstances in this instance, and in accordance with the Department's Enforcement and Prosecution Policy, DER has elected to deal with this breach of the Act by way of this **formal letter of warning** and noting the warning on record.

If you have any queries or require further information, please contact Senior Inspector Mal Wright at the Environmental Enforcement on 6467 5049 for assistance.

Yours sincerely

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