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Dear Ms Tyrrell

Thank you for your email of 20 January 2019 regarding tree protection in Hughes.

I am advised that Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has received a nomination for the registration of 18 red gum trees located on sections 57, 66 and 78. These trees will be assessed and included on the provisional tree register if they satisfy the required criteria.

With regard to the possibility of development in the surrounding area, particularly section 66, the Conservator of Flora and Fauna has recommended that, given the quality of the woodland in question, its connectivity with the larger woodland remnant in Red Hill and the potential impacts posed by building on this block, the lease variation request be referred to the Commonwealth for assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*. The Conservator also determined that the proposal meets the requirements for Impact Track assessment under the *ACT Planning and Development Act 2007*.

I encourage you to nominate other trees, such as the snow gums mentioned in your email. I am advised that if you have evidence that these trees have heritage values or are remnant trees, they could represent a significant group of remnant snow gums in the Canberra region and would most likely meet the required criteria for inclusion onto the significant tree register.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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