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Dear Red Hill Bush Regenerators

I am writing to congratulate your group for winning the 2021 Landcare Community Award in recognition of the contribution that you have made transforming Red Hill Nature Reserve into the nationally recognised Yellow Box – Blakley’s Red Gum grassy woodland that is today. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing dedication and work to regenerating the Red Hill Nature Reserve and for the many thousands of volunteer hours of contribution that this has involved.

I was inspired to hear about how, when the Red Hill Bush Regenerators, formed in the late 1980’s weeds covered more than a third of the reserve and that it was so devalued that it was not uncommon for people to dump rubbish along the side of the road. The transformation – thanks enormously to the work of the Regenerators – from weed-infested reserve to restored native bushland ecology, and one of the most diverse, best condition of remnants of endangered Yellow Box – Blakley’s Red Gum grassy woodland in Australia, is incredible and worth celebrating.

Congratulations again on your recent award and thank you, again for the critical role that you have played in caring for Canberra’s environment.

Kind regards

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