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cc: Alex McMillan - Natural Resources Commission

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Dear Lisa,

**Proposed Amendments to the Environmental Outcomes Assessment Methodology**

The Central West CMA fully supports the Minister's proposed amendments to the Environmental Outcomes Assessment Methodology (EOAM) in the form of a new Chapter 8 to streamline the Property Vegetation Plan (PVP) process. We believe the Chapter 8 presents an opportunity to realise savings in PVP processing times of at least 30% thus proving beneficial for government resources and beneficial to landholders in terms quicker turn around of PVPs. These savings were demonstrated during a testing workshop with CMA and DECCW staff on 27/28 January 2011.

We believe the proposed Chapter 8 is consistent with the spirit, intent and current operation of the Native Vegetation Act and Regulation/EOAM, in particular the principle of maintain or improve environmental outcomes. We feel confident in our support as we have been actively involved in the development and testing of Chapter 8 and believe that only CMA accredited PVP Officers have the skill, experience and judgement to properly assess the outcomes.

Chapter 8 presents an opportunity to streamline the processing of a large number of "low risk" PVP scenarios whilst still maintaining and improving as per the current assessment process. Central West CMA is happy with the latest version of the Draft Chapter 8 as was amended after the testing workshop.

The Central West CMA has consulted with our landholders and farming community who support the principles of streamlining the processing of PVPs and improving customer service for delivery of PVPs.

Yours sincerely,

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Central West CMA



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