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Hi Dan,

Here is a brief update on the meeting we had with Luke Mortimer on Friday, July 12.

Around 40 residents attended. This was a good turnout given that many affected property owners were not aware at the time the application for an exploration lease was made, nor of the opportunity to object prior to the licence being granted. There was some discussion about where the licence was advertised. Can you confirm this for us please?

As Luke may have already told you, he guaranteed to not pursue exploration or development on the land if the property owner refuses access to KZR. We understand that this means he would not take any further steps such as accessing dispute resolution mechanisms including VCAT.

He further agreed to put to his board our request for the relinquishment of a singe "Bushlands" parcel of land on environment preservation grounds and undertook to notify us of their response within two weeks.

On other matters:

1. We indicated to Luke that, in the event that the Board do not agree to relinquish the Bushlands parcel from the exploration area, we would expect to be informed of any work plans or other information that relates to land within this parcel. We recognise that some details may be commercial-inconfidence but he agreed that with this exception, this information could be provided. We request that if the Department receives any work plan applications relating to this land, you would advise us immediately.

2. Local resident and member of CBA, Antoinette Birkenbeil attempted to view objections to the EL6752 licence application prior to it being granted but was denied access when she visited your office in Melbourne. Can you advise when and how we can access these objections?



3. We understand that on July 1 new Mineral Resources Regulations came into effect. Can you let us know if and how these new arrangements could affect proposed exploration and development covered by the EL6752 licence.

Thanks for your assistance on these matters.

Sincerely, Mark Carter Secretary Chewton Bushlands Association