



**The Hon Tony Burke MP**

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**Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities**

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Dear Mr Olling

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2012 concerning protection of the former International Radio Transmitter Station at Shane's Park (Llandilo).

As you are aware, the transfer of the land to the NSW Government has been considered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). A decision was made on 14 February 2011 that the NSW Government must, upon transfer, protect and conserve the values of the environment over the entire 560 hectare site in perpetuity under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

I am aware that about 60 hectares within the southern boundary of the site has been identified in NSW planning documents as part of the future Castlereagh Freeway Corridor. The excision of 60 hectares from the site for a future road, if proposed by NSW, is not acceptable or permitted by the decision under the EPBC Act that the *entire* site be conserved upon transfer.

I am advised by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities that NSW Roads and Maritime Services are examining potential corridor options that maximise use of existing Crown lands and avoid or minimise intrusions into Shane's Park. Any such options, if proposed, would need to be considered under the EPBC Act if a significant impact on the environmental values of the site is likely. There have been no such proposals referred to myself or the department at this point in time.

Thank you for your representations on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Tony Burke