Mr Mark Webb

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Feel free to amend this letter as you see fit – including providing your own opening paragraph if desired

Dear Mr Webb,

**Re: Request for urgent action to make the Cocanarup – Kundip area a priority for reservation**

I write in support of the Cocanarup - Kundip area being a priority for immediate reservation as a Class A Reserve through the Plan for Our Parks program.

The Cocanarup – Kundip bushland is currently largely intact, with very few access tracks, and therefore still supports a diverse range of naturally functioning and (currently) resilient ecosystems which are not yet represented in the conservation estate. Further, the area is currently almost completely dieback free, with only one known small infestation in its 65,000 hectares. An early and positive decision on this matter may serve to limit the negative impacts of ongoing exploration, which could include:

* + Dieback – spread by vehicles using the previously non-existent access routes;
	+ Feral predators, such as foxes and cats (known to favour tracks for ease of movement);
	+ Weed species, either via vehicles or animals (in droppings or trapped in fur);
	+ Wildfire, via human access along previously non-existent tracks;
	+ Erosion, as is already evident on access tracks created for earlier exploration.

Given this situation, I urge you to recommend the area for early reservation in the Plan for Our Parks program as its combination of complex landforms, diverse plant communities, habitats for endangered species, and cultural sites and stories is unique. Further, the place is a strategically important landscape-scale natural corridor.

Add a sentence or two about why this landscape is so precious to you (optional).

Yours Sincerely

Your signature

Your name

Insert date here

CC: Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment