



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

PDR: MC18-012207

Mr Michael Dufour
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Dear Mr Dufour

Thank you for your online query to the former Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, seeking endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's nomination of its One Million Trees project for inclusion in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy. Your query has been referred to me for reply.

As noted in your query, nominations to the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy require the endorsement of the relevant government authority. I understand the Australian Government's role in this process is to acknowledge that it has been made aware of a nomination and indicate whether or not it has any objection to that nomination being put forward.

Please accept this letter as confirmation that the Australian Government has been made aware of, and has no objection to the City of Greater Geraldton's nomination of its One Million Trees project for inclusion in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy.

You may be aware that the Australian Government's 20 Million Trees Program was accepted for inclusion in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy in 2016. The Program is on track to plant 20 million trees by 2020 to re-establish green corridors, urban forests and support threatened ecological communities.

I note the City of Geraldton successfully completed a 20 Million Trees project: *Mid West Estuaries - Creating Corridors for Wildlife* in mid-2017, delivering over 18,000 trees and associated understorey across Geraldton. This is a great achievement and a valued contribution towards the 20 Million Trees Program.

Thank you again for your query. I wish you well with your nomination of the One Million Trees project for inclusion in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy, and with the ongoing implementation of the project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Costello'.

Steve Costello
Assistant Secretary
Program Delivery Branch

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