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Community Information Unit  
Environment Australia  
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Dear Sirs,

**RE: EXPLORATION LICENCE 1/2001, BEACONSFIELD, TASMANIA**

This company was granted Exploration Licence 1/2001 in April 2001 covering 32 square kilometres to the west of Beaconsfield, Tasmania within a zone geologically known as the Anderson's Creek Ultramafic Complex. The area contains resources of nickel laterite drilled by previous explorers in the late 1960's and in 1997. There has been no fieldwork since the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999 was passed.

The exploration licence is shown on the accompanying Land Tenure 1:100,000 plan. The plan also shows the various Reserves. The licence document states that "the licence contains areas which are listed ... on the Register of the National Estate kept under the Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975".

Of importance to the area are two plant species:-

*Tetratheca gunnii*

*Epacris virgata* sensu stricto "Beaconsfield"

that are listed as Endangered under the EPBC Act 1999. The occurrences of the plants have been mapped and are shown on the accompanying plan BN-28A. This plan also shows the location of exploration drillholes and of the nickel laterite resources.

Our query is, whilst we have no action plan to submit to you at this stage, will it be necessary in the future to obtain approvals from your Department for exploration and ultimately mining or will your Department accept the normal Tasmanian approvals?

We would appreciate your considered opinion in due course.

Yours faithfully

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Director

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