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Dear Lachlan,

I'm writing to provide further explanation in response to the CAS feedback regarding my natural values survey and assessment for Venture Minerals at the proposed drill site within Exploration License EL45/2010 'SerpR1rev2' - 09/09/22.

I can confirm that I am aware of the previous records of two threatened flora species within 500m of the proposed development footprint. I can also confirm that I am familiar with both species *Epacris glabella* – Smooth Heath & *Euphrasia amplidens* – Pieman Eyebright. Can I please clarify that no plants of either species were observed within the proposed development footprint, or nearby in the surrounding bushland, during the site survey. I do not believe that the proposed development footprint is likely to be suitable habitat for either species.

The statement regarding suitable habitat 'in the surrounding bushland' refers to the known recorded plants within 500m. Considerable time was invested in researching the site through a desktop assessment prior to the survey. Whilst I appreciate the concern, I do not believe these species have been overlooked, far from it.

For several years Natural State was engaged by the Department of State Growth to undertake threat abatement works to protect the population of *Epacris glabella* – Smooth Heath & *Micrantheum serpentinum* – Western Tridentbush at the Serpentine Hill Conservation Area - DSG037 Roadside Conservation Site on the Murchison Highway south of Rosebery.

Should you, or CAS, require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

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