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ATTENTION: **JOANNE MARSHALL**, PLANNING OFFICER

Dear Ms Marshall,

**RE: PROPOSED REZONING OF HEYDON ESTATE AND UNITING CHURCH
LANDS: INGLESIDE AND ELANORA HEIGHTS (ref R0005/03 and R0006/03)**

Further to my letter dated 23rd February 2004 and our telephone conversation of this morning, I wish to correct and expand on information that I have submitted.

At the time of the sighting and photographing (23rd February) I had limited access to illustrations of members of the Macropod species and made my preliminary identification from a selection of around ten different illustrations. The animal I saw more closely resembled a Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby than any of the other illustrations. It must be noted that this was an overcast day and I was initially a fair distance from this animal that at times was below overhanging branches and in front of a dark background.

As I moved closer to get better pictures I was more concerned with keeping the animal within the camera's viewfinder and of my not falling. I did, however, have fairly clear views from a distance of around 30 metres.

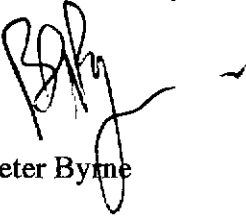
I am now aware that there are around forty-five members of the Macropod family and I am now certain that the animal **was not** a Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby due to that animal's rarity and smaller size.

I am also convinced that it was **not** a Swamp Wallaby due to its different colouration, size and characteristics and in particular its head shape. I am also now convinced that the sighting in January 1994 **was** in fact a Swamp Wallaby and that the sighting and photographing around December 1998 **was not** a Swamp Wallaby and was different to the animal of 23rd February, 2004. Furthermore, the other sightings by myself and others at various times in the past were, in the majority of cases, **not** Swamp Wallabies.

It is my belief that there have been – and probably still are – at least three if not more different members of the Macropod family living in and around these lands. Therefore, a study of greater depth and duration needs to be undertaken to provide a clearer picture of the situation so as to protect these animals.

If I can be of any further assistance to you or other Council staff, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Byrne', with a small checkmark to its right.

Peter Byrne