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Geotechnical drilling

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Geotechnical analysis requiring the digging of approximately 8 bore holes with an augur was due to commence in the week beginning 12 October. However, the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) notified the DoJ of third-party concerns that had been raised regarding the drilling and the potential impact on the Wedge-tailed eagles that may be using the nest on the adjacent property.

The DoJ project managers and senior staff from DPIPWVE met with DAWE officials on Monday 12 October. It was agreed that the Tasmanian Government would undertake a self-assessment of the proposed activity, using the DAWE's guidelines for significant impact assessments, advice received from the expert ecological consultant, and publicly available information.

The outcome of this assessment was that the proposed activity was not likely to have a significant impact on the Wedge-tailed eagle or any other Matter of National Environmental Significance known from or near the site.

The outcome of this assessment was conveyed to DAWE, which indicated it had no further questions regarding the proposed activity.

Drilling was subsequently planned for the week of 19 October, but was further delayed due to access constraints for the drilling equipment, and information received from the consultant that the presence of threatened flora was more widespread at the site than previously.

recorded, and that as such access to the proposed drill hole locations might impact on these plants.

In light of this new information the Department of Justice was [as at 27 October] re-evaluating the need for the drilling to occur.

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