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Dear Ms ~~Butler~~ Terri

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 August 2021 concerning the former Red Cross Hall at Greenslopes, Queensland.

As the Minister for the Environment, I am committed to ensuring that Australia's nationally and internationally important flora, fauna, ecological communities and heritage places are protected and managed.

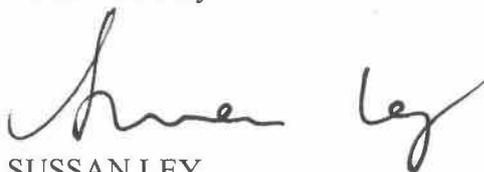
The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) is the Australian Government's central piece of environmental legislation. It focusses Australian Government interests on the protection of matters of national environmental significance. In addition, the EPBC Act confers jurisdiction over actions that have a significant impact on the environment where the actions affect, or are taken on, Commonwealth land, or are carried out by a Commonwealth agency.

As the former Red Cross Hall is on Commonwealth land and the proposed action is by a Commonwealth agency, the referral is being assessed giving consideration to the impact that the proposed action, which includes demolition of the Hall, will have on the environment. This assessment includes consideration of ecosystems, natural and physical resources, the qualities and characteristics of locations, places and areas, heritage values and the social, economic and cultural aspects.

The public have been invited to comment on the proposed action and the government will take comments into consideration in line with the requirements of the EPBC Act. A decision on the referral is due by 16 September.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the government's attention.

Yours sincerely

  
SUSSAN LEY

cc: The Hon Andrew Gee MP, Minister for Defence Personnel and Minister for Veterans' Affairs