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RE: Imposed Condition 9 (IC9) – Land management activities in Offset Area

Dear Michelle

This letter serves to confirm the operational and land management practices that have been undertaken at Acland Pastoral Company since 2010, and future intentions for management. As previously confirmed, no cropping activities have taken place in the last 10 years (2013 – to-date) within the residual void areas (Manning Vale West residual void, Manning Vale East residual void, Willeroo residual void) and proposed IC9 offset areas as identified in (Figure 1).

Furthermore, the following practices have been undertaken at Acland Pastoral Company:

- The paddocks in the Willeroo Void have been managed through Rotational grazing by APC (~15 years) as part of the broader whole farm management program. The paddocks are grazed down to approximately 1,600kg DM/ha. Note this varies depending on the season;
- The paddocks in the proposed IC9 Offset Area were sub-leased out for the last six (6) years, and these paddocks were crash grazed (i.e. paddocks grazed by a large number of cattle for a short period of time) by agistment cattle. These paddocks have since been returned to APC and are currently being managed within the broader APC rotational grazing system;
- APC tracks stocking rates across its operations and if required to they can provide this data for the proposed IC9 offset area going forward.
- AgriWebb and CIBO lab platforms have been used for data management at APC and some data is available from 2018 onwards for other areas under APC management
- No fertilisers/ bio-amendments have been used since grazing land has been in effect at APC. Some soil ameliorants would likely have been used 10+ years ago, when the land was used for cultivation.

Improvements recognised for the IC9 Offset Area are proposed and budgeted for, as follows:

- Paddocks require firebreaks, and likely future desilting of dams;
- Paddocks require removal and replacement of fencing around the Offset Area, in sections;

- Weed management (African Boxthorn and Blackwattle) will be undertaken via spot spraying and manual removal;
- Pest management of feral pigs, kangaroos and dogs. Including feral pig trapping, feral dog baiting, aerial and ground shooting, which will occur seasonally and as required;
- No water way barrier works are required in the Offset Area;
- APC is exploring the option of using a small section of the Offset area for future cultivation use (primarily for grain and fodder crops) and considers this approach a higher level of agricultural production if it is deemed acceptable.

Based on our understanding of the land, soils and pastures within the proposed IC9 Offset paddocks and the Willeroo residual void area paddocks, APC proposes very similar management style and stocking rates will be applied. Therefore, the two areas will be managed like for like from an agricultural perspective given the productivity of the two areas is expected to be very similar. Pasture and cattle productivity monitoring and recording through AgriWebb and CIBO platforms will confirm this expectation through clear evidence-based comparisons over the next few years.

Yours Sincerely,



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