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To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Letter of Support for Black-Cockatoo-Friendly Initiatives at Pinjar Motorcycle Area

BirdLife Western Australia is pleased to express its strong support for the black-cockatoo-friendly initiatives proposed for the Pinjar Motorcycle Area. These efforts align closely with our ongoing mission to conserve the endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and other native bird species and their habitats across Western Australia.

Pinjar has recently had the remaining pine plantations preserved by State Government for black-cockatoo habitat and recreation purposes and lies within a critical ecological corridor that provides habitat for several of our most iconic and threatened black-cockatoos, including the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Zanda latirostris*) and the Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*). These species are increasingly under pressure from habitat loss and fragmentation.

We commend the initiatives focus on

1. Revegetation – Key focus area of 15Ha with total of 130Ha available, with a focus on black-cockatoo foraging and roosting plant species. Preference for species that are resistant to *Phytophthora cinnamomi* given the presence of recreational off-road vehicle tracks, such as Marri, Tuart, Flooded Gum and pine trees.
2. Watering stations – Cockitrough or equivalent approved.

These strategies are vital to the long-term survival of these threatened species. The Pinjar Motorcycle Area is a great case study of how recreation and conservation can co-exist, and these initiatives will further enhance the conservation aspects of the area.

BirdLife WA has long advocated for collaborative, on-ground conservation work that empowers local communities and land managers. We believe that this project represents an excellent opportunity to demonstrate best practice in black-cockatoo conservation and build momentum for broader action across the region.

We welcome the opportunity to provide technical input, share data from our long-running Great Cocky Count citizen science project, (most recent count recording 2,167 Carnaby's and 141 Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoos using the area) and support educational outreach wherever possible. Together, we can help ensure that future generations continue to experience the beauty and significance of these remarkable birds in the wild.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information, clarification or support.

Yours sincerely,

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