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Dear Dr Marshall

Acquisition of Land for addition to Blue Mountains National Park.

I refer to your letter dated 2 September 2016 about land acquired for addition to the Blue Mountains National Park.

I can confirm that the property located north east of Blackheath comprising Lot 11 DP173318 and Lot 546 DP751627 was offered to, and purchased by, Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). The property was purchased as part of OEH's state-wide land purchase program that purchases properties, on a voluntary basis, for their conservation values and suitability for addition to the national parks estate.

This acquisition is not associated with biodiversity offsets funding or mechanisms.

OEH realises there are many properties within and adjacent to the Blue Mountains National Park that have conservation value. As land becomes available we assess its suitability for addition to the national parks system, taking into account availability of funds in the land purchase program.

I hope I have clarified the matter for you. As you included Ms Trish Doyle MP, Member for the Blue Mountains, in this correspondence you may wish to inform her of my reply.

If you have further questions regarding this acquisition please contact Mr Paul Donnelly, Team Leader, Assessments National Parks and Wildlife Service via email at paul.donnelly@environment.nsw.gov.au or by telephone on 9585 6095.

Yours sincerely

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