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Dear Ezra

Re: Proposed Development of Rottnest Island – Wadjemup Bidi Walk Trail

Thank you for your presentation regarding the above Project to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council's Whadjuk Working Party on 14 July 2016.

On behalf of the Whadjuk Working Party, I congratulate you and the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) team for their leadership, and appreciate you taking the initiative to consult with Traditional Owners (TO) of the Whadjuk region. This shows positive engagement with the local Aboriginal community who still have strong connections.

The Members advise that they endorse Alternative 2; they also suggested that in the development of the names, an explanation of the language considerations – including different dialects and spelling. As well, the different ways the English alphabet is used to try and represent Noongar language, could be added to an app or to other signage on the island. The Walk Trail Names were discussed as an introduction for people to then seek further information from the app or other sources. The Trail Head was suggested as a place this information could be located.

If you have further enquiries, please do not hesitate to give me a call on 9358 7400.

Yours Sincerely

Nick Abraham
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