



SELECT HARVESTS

STATEMENT REGARDING DESTRUCTION OF PARROTS

2nd May 2007

Select Harvests Limited was advised by the Department of Sustainability and Environment "DSE" in late November 2006 of the destruction of parrots of a protected species near an almond orchard managed by the company. The company has cooperated fully with the DSE investigation into this incident and this co-operation has been formally acknowledged by the DSE.

The company regrets that this incident occurred and has informed the DSE that the employees involved were not acting under instruction from the company. The DSE were also informed that the destruction of the parrots was contrary to the policies and procedures of the company in place to protect wildlife. The DSE has been informed that following an internal investigation by the company into the incident two employees who were involved were dismissed for serious misconduct.

Prior to the incident the company had comprehensive policies in place to protect wildlife. Since the incident the company has undertaken a full review of all policies and procedures and developed an updated wildlife management plan which has been presented to the DSE for approval. The company has recently appointed an Environmental Manager who has responsibility for implementing and monitoring this plan. All staff involved in wildlife management at orchards managed by the company have been re-inducted in our policies and procedures and have undertaken extensive retraining.

The company takes its environmental responsibilities seriously, has a good record in environmental management to date and adheres to environmental plans that preserve the habitat of native species. Almond developments have had a positive environmental impact. The change in land use and the increase in food source has seen a rejuvenation of remnant native vegetation and an increase in the wildlife population, in particular bird species.

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