



1st November, 2011

Dear Mr. Puccio and Mr. McDonald,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 12th September, and to say that Her Majesty has taken careful note of the concerns you express regarding the environmental effects of mining in Western Australia.

Perhaps I might explain, however, that this is not a matter in which The Queen would intervene. As a constitutional Sovereign, Her Majesty acts through her personal representative, the Governor-General, on the advice of her Australian Ministers and it is to them that your appeal should be directed.

I have, therefore, been instructed to forward your letter to the Governor-General of Australia so that she may be aware of your approach to The Queen and may consider the points you raise.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Correspondence Officer

Mr. Vince Puccio and Mr. Merv McDonald.