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To:

Minister for Energy & Environment Hon. Matt Kean MLA Parliament House Sydney

Dear Minister Kean

BirdLife Shoalhaven [BLS] is a branch of BirdLife Australia, an independent, not-for-profit organization and Australia's largest bird conservation organisation.

BirdLife Shoalhaven has received the Heritage Estate Community Network [HEST] submission concerning the properties linked to the Jervis Bay National Park [JBNP].

BLS supports the request to you in the submission and acknowledges both the property and environmental interests detailed.

BLS has a specific interest in these sites and the neighbouring area as they involve a Key Biodiversity Area [KBA] at Jervis Bay, identified in the submission. There is of course, a very strong association between these KBAs and the National Parks with the JBNP being a prime example. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is the organisation that set the criteria for the identification of KBAs that contribute significantly to the global persistence of biodiversity. There are more than 300 sites across Australia that meet the criteria.

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