



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

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Dear Ms Chapman

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP raising concerns on behalf of Penny and Peter Warren relating to the protection of the endangered Northern Quoll at the Motorsports Club, Bowen. Minister Plibersek has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to reply on her behalf. I apologise for the delay.

The department has advised the Bowen Junior Motorsports Club of their obligations under national environment law. Actions that are likely to have a significant impact on matters protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) must be referred to the department for a decision on whether assessment and approval is required before it can commence. Please note that not all actions that might impact nationally protected matters need referral. The department will continue to work with the Bowen Junior Motorsports Club to ensure they meet their obligations under the EPBC Act.

The department has also contacted Penny and Peter Warren to recommend they list their records of Northern Quoll on a publicly available database, such as the Atlas of Living Australia via the iNaturalist app.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely,

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