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Good morning Jyoti,

Thank you for your invitation to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to provide comment on the Sweetwater Agricultural Development-Stage 1 by Southern Cross Agri Pty Ltd.

DBCA understands that the proposal is located adjacent to the Western Australian border, primarily within cracking clay alluvial soils. This soil type provides habitat for *Typhonium* sp. Kununurra (A.N. Start ANS 1467), a flora species listed as threatened (ranked endangered) under the Western Australian *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

Typhonium sp. Kununurra (A.N. Start ANS 1467) has experienced a significant decline in its extent of occurrence due to agricultural development in Western Australia. Several areas of cracking clay alluvial soils have been strategically identified and set aside to conserve this species' habitat, including areas directly adjacent to the Northern Territory border and the proposed development site.

The construction and operation of the proposal may cause indirect impacts on *Typhonium* sp. Kununurra (A.N. Start ANS 1467) within Western Australia, including through changes to hydrological regimes, spray drift and the introduction of weeds.

Under the BC Act, it is an offense to take threatened species without lawful authority. It is important to note that the take of threatened species includes both direct (i.e. to kill, injure, harvest or capture) and indirect (i.e. to cause or permit killing, injuring, harvest or capture to be done) take. Under section 40 of the BC Act, the Minister may authorise the taking or disturbing of threatened species. DBCA has delegated authority to assess and issue such authorisations, and recommends that the proponent consults with the Species and Communities Program (speciesandcommunities@dbca.wa.gov.au) to ensure the proposal complies with requirements of the BC Act.

Further information on authorisations to take threatened flora can be found at this website: [Authorisation to take and disturb threatened flora | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions](#).

If you have any questions on the above, don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
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