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Dear Ms Coleman

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2020 to Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction about reed warbler birds and water rats having a habitat near the site of the Acton Waterfront boardwalk extension. Minister Rattenbury has referred your email to me as this project is within my portfolio responsibilities.

I understand that the City Renewal Authority (The Authority) has corresponded with you on this matter and has advised me that they have already made initial enquiries about the reed warblers and water rats. This has included seeking advice from colleagues at the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate. The Authority are continuing those discussions and have requested additional advice from other expert sources to determine the most effective way to protect bird and water rat habitat.

The Authority has also advised me that they are determining if work may affect the location and, in consultation with the contractor and environmental experts, are identifying the best way to manage construction activities to minimise any impact on fauna within the project site.

I have asked the Authority to keep me updated about the status of the reed warblers, the water rats and their habitat. I trust this information has addressed your concerns.

Yours sincerely

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