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I was unable to carry out any exploration during the first year, because I could not get permission from the RAAF to enter my E.L. The E.L. is situated on RAAF land, (Por 3413) and the southern boundary of the E.L. is 9 km north of the Delamere bombing range fence.

My initial contact with the RAAF was by a telephone call (3 Sept 2003) to Squadron Leader Wilkie, who informed me that because of missiles and lasers, it would be dangerous to enter the area while bombing was taking place and that bombing would cease on 6 Oct 2003. On 12 Oct 2003 I phoned the RAAF legal officer, Flight Lieutenant Osborne to ask about access to the E.L. He informed me that there is a possibility of unexploded ordnance on or near my E.L. and that this presented legal problems. I accept both of these contentions. (The Delamere Range is an air to surface bombing range.)

I have kept in touch with the RAAF by phone and mail and I am hopeful that I will be allowed access this year. My most recent letter to the RAAF is attached. Please keep this letter confidential. Previous written communications are also attached.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments: Letter to RAAF. 24 Feb 2004
E-mail to RAAF. 7 Sept 2003

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