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Dear Dr Akif Eskalen and Dr Shannon Lynch,

I am writing to you with regards to your recent participation in a Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) for the detection of *Euwallacea fornicatus* (polyphagous shot-hole borer, PSHB) and associated *Fusarium* sp. in Western Australia.

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your valuable contribution to the SAP. Your attendance at the SAP and your time spent preparing and reviewing information is greatly appreciated. Your knowledge, insights and on the ground experience have been incredibly helpful as Australia responds to the incursion of the PSHB complex in Western Australia.

Australia invests heavily in its biosecurity system to prevent the entry and establishment of harmful exotic plant pests and diseases such as the polyphagous shot-hole borer (*Euwallacea fornicatus*), and the outcomes of the SAP will help ensure an effective response that helps protect and maintain Australia's favourable plant health status.

Western Australia will greatly appreciate continuing to engage with you outside of the SAP process as the response to the PSHB complex continues.

Thank you again for your commitment to the SAP. I look forward to working and collaborating with you and your colleagues in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer
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