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Dear Neil

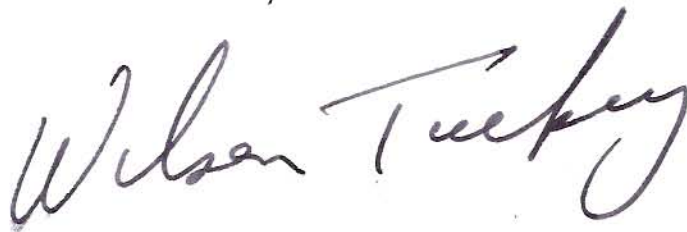
Thank you for your letter dated 15th June 2000 regarding the Rainbow 2000[®] strategy for Albany and Great Southern. I will continue to observe your project with interest.

In the area of my own portfolio responsibility, I am very interested in converting the substantial plantation blue gum resource to pulp and paper within Australia. I shortly intend to advise relevant State Governments that they must commence the various environmental community consultations and feasibility studies for such industry development now as time is already limited.

Albany and its region have considerable advantages, particularly in regards the location of the plantation resource.

Attracting the necessary investment is also a major factor, but this is impossible unless such investors can be assured of the rules by which they must abide and the availability of infrastructure and energy etc.

Yours sincerely



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