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Cultivation

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I am copying this letter to Simon Webb (MOD), John Neilson (Dept. of Energy), Elizabeth Wilmshurst (Attorney General's Office) and to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

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