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Dear Ms Evans

**Haerses Road Sand Quarry, Modification 1 - Supplementary Response to Submissions**

I refer to your email of 19 October 2017 inviting comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the above.

OEH notes the issues raised with the assessment of biodiversity impacts in advice provided in November 2016 and February 2017 appear to have been satisfactorily addressed. With regards to fulfilling of offsetting requirements in the updated Biodiversity Offset Strategy (BOS), OEH's preference is that the required credits be retired prior to impacts occurring. In accordance with the *NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects*, if DPE agrees with the BOS proposal that the modification be approved prior to securing the offsets, the proponent should first enter into a voluntary planning agreement requiring the offset requirements to be carried out.

It should also be noted that the applications for the proposed Porters Road and Haerses Road BioBank sites have not been assessed by OEH. Biobank agreements for these sites, and the ecosystems and species credits detailed in the BOS, cannot therefore be guaranteed.

If you have any queries about this advice, please contact Richard Bonner on 9995 6917 or by email at [richard.bonner@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:richard.bonner@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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