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Dear Mr Chase

**Moolarben Coal Project Stage 1 (05_0117) and Stage 2 (08_0135)
Biodiversity Management Plan**

Thank you for your request dated 14 August 2020 submitting an updated Biodiversity Management Plan for the Moolarben Coal Project Stage 1 (05_0117) and Stage 2 (08_0135).

The plan has been updated following the determination of Modification 15 to the Stage 1 approval and that updates are largely administrative in nature. As such, consultation with relevant agencies has not been undertaken.

The Department has carefully reviewed the updated plan and considers that it meets the requirements of the relevant project approval conditions for Moolarben Coal Project Stage 1 (05_0117) and Stage 2 (08_0135).

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved the request not to undertake consultation with the required agencies and approved the revisions to the Biodiversity Management Plan (Version 5, dated August 2020). Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

The Department notes that Moolarben Coal intend to provide an updated version of the Biodiversity Management Plan to include measures to implement the project's biodiversity offset strategy following the execution of the remaining offset security mechanisms.

The Department understands that Moolarben Coal will consult with all relevant agencies regarding these changes prior to the lodgement of a revised plan. The Department considers this approach to be reasonable and requests that the revised Biodiversity Management Plan be resubmitted to the Department following the completion of this consultation.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Andrew Rode on 02 8289 6744 or at andrew.ode@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary