



Mr Trent Cini
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Dear Mr Cini

**Moolarben Coal Project Stage 1 (MP05_0117)
Extension of Time to Secure Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement**

I refer to your request for an extension of time to apply for a biodiversity stewardship agreement over the Gilgal property as required under Condition 35A of Schedule 3 of the Project Approval for the Moolarben Coal Project Stage 1 (MP05_0117).

The Department notes that an extension of time has been requested to enable finalisation of a property boundary adjustment associated with the Gilgal property.

The Department is satisfied that Moolarben Coal Operations has made substantial progress towards securing the required credits on the Gilgal property including completion of flora and fauna surveys, completion of boundary survey, preparation of a Biodiversity Stewardship Site Assessment Report and associated Management Plan, and consultation with relevant agencies.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until **31 March 2022** to make an application to secure the credits associated with the areas of the Gilgal property identified in Table 12A of the Project Approval (MP05_0117) under a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gabrielle Allan on 02 9585 6078 or gabrielle.allan@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Secretary