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Subject: Extension of time to secure biodiversity offsets – Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 1 (05_0117)

Dear Mr Cini

I refer to your request for an extension of time to secure biodiversity offsets, in accordance with conditions 35E and 35F of the above project approval.

I understand that Moolarben Coal Operations Ltd (Moolarben Coal) is seeking an extension of time to secure the biodiversity credits associated with Modification 15 whilst it awaits a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) to be finalised with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT).

This BSA relates to the 'Gilgal' property which is considered to contain most of the required credit liability (ie 87%). I understand that the remaining credit liability is to be retired through the Biodiversity Conservation Fund.

The Department requested Moolarben Coal consult with BCT to determine a suitable date that the BSA will be finalised. I note the BCT has identified 31 July 2023 as an appropriate date on the basis that all required information is provided in a timely manner.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time to retire the required biodiversity credits until 31 July 2023.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Gen Lucas on (02) 9274 6489 or gen.lucas@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Secretary