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Dear Mr Knight

**Rix's Creek North Mine (MP 08\_0102)  
Extension of time to finalise Conservation Agreements**

I refer to your request (MP 08\_0102-PA-15) for an extension of time to finalise the Conservation Agreements (CAs) for the Martins Creek and Northern Biodiversity Offset Areas as required under condition 39 of Schedule 3 of MP 08\_0102.

The Department has carefully reviewed the matter and notes that while considerable progress has been made to date, consultation with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) regarding the CAs remains ongoing. The Department understands that this process has been delayed whilst the Bloomfield Group sought to remove a caveat from the Martin's Creek Biodiversity Offset Area.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until **30 June 2022** for the finalisation of the CAs with the NSW BCT, subject to the submission of quarterly progress reports to the Department.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Sarah Clibborn on 8837 6095 or via email at [sarah.clibborn@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sarah.clibborn@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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