

RAVENSWORTH OPEN CUT

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Dear Jennifer

Re: Ravensworth Complex – Biodiversity Offset Monitoring Program

As discussed in December 2021, Schedule 3, Condition 38c requires the Ravensworth Operations Biodiversity Management Plan to:

"include...a program to monitor the effectiveness of these measures, and progress against the performance and completion criteria"

Section 6 of the Ravensworth Operations Biodiversity Management Plan outlines the required monitoring program, which includes vegetation condition assessment, general fauna monitoring as well as targeted threatened bird, Microbat and Green and Golden Bell Frog surveys. Furthermore, section 6.6 outlines the requirement for the monitoring program to be completed annually, with some components required biennially.

To date the following components of the 2021 monitoring program have been completed:

- Vegetation condition assessment
- Bird census monitoring
- Targeted bird survey

Due to the recent heavy and prolonged rainfall the Ravensworth Operations Offsets have been inaccessible. This period of high rainfall is expected to continue for the remainder of 2021. As a result, the following monitoring required to be completed in summer 2021 will not be able to be safely completed:

- General fauna monitoring (Hair tube and IR camera survey)
- Green and Golden Bell Frog Survey

Ravensworth Operations propose to reschedule these surveys in January-February 2022, when conditions are still optimal for the monitoring to be completed and ground conditions allow for safe access to the offset properties. These results will then be included in the 2021 Annual review as required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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