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Dear Mr Marchant

**Ravensworth Coal Operations Project (MP 09\_0176)  
Biodiversity Offset Areas**

I refer to your letter of 6 January 2021, notifying the Department of discrepancies in the overall size of the Ravensworth Biodiversity Offset Areas following detailed ground surveys of these areas. I understand the surveys identified that three of the four Biodiversity Offset Areas are smaller than the minimum areas required under condition 32 of Schedule 3 of the above development consent.

The Department has considered the information provided and is of the view that the discrepancies in the offset areas are inconsistent with the conditions of consent. Should you wish to amend the minimum offset area sizes specified in Table 16 of the consent, a modification application will be required.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis on 02 8217 2043.

Yours sincerely

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Lauren Evans  
A/Director  
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as nominee of the Planning Secretary