

Mr Hamish Russell
Environmental Superintendent
Boggabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd

28/11/2022

Subject: Boggabri Coal Mine (09_0182) – Extension Request to Secure Conservation Agreement

Dear Mr Russell

I refer to the request for an extension of time to comply with Condition 47 of Schedule 3 of the project approval for the Boggabri Coal Project (09_0182).

The Department notes:

- Boggabri Coal Operations (BCO) has previously sought an extension to comply with Condition 37 of Schedule 3.
- The complexities and administrative requirements involved in the establishment of conservation agreements and unexpected delays and difficulties encountered for Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) to undertake field based reviews.
- BCO has continued to consult with the BCT and developed a schedule to manage and progress the required conservation agreements to satisfy the biodiversity offset requirements.
- BCO has continued to consult with National Parks Wildlife Services (NPWS) division to finalise the required transfers of properties.

The Department has carefully reviewed your extension request and notes the recent consultation with BCT and NPWS, both of which advise that an extension is suitable given the context. Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 30 June 2024.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Philip Nevill on (02) 8275 1036.

Yours sincerely



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Director
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As nominee of the Secretary