



Mr Chase Dingle
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Dear Mr Dingle

**Dargues Gold Project (MP 10_0054)
Post Approval (PA-14) - Biodiversity Offset Strategy**

I refer to your letter dated 28 February 2020 asking for a 12-month extension to the timeframe to secure off-site biodiversity offsets for the Dargues Gold Project.

The Department has carefully reviewed the request, noting that Diversified Minerals Pty Ltd has provided its Biodiversity Offset Options Report (dated 6 October 2017) to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (the Trust) and has been having on-going consultation with the Trust and landowners to identify an appropriate way forward to secure off-site offsets.

The Department agrees to extending the timeframe for securing off-site biodiversity offsets until the end of February 2021, subject to Diversified Minerals submitting quarterly progress reports demonstrating actions taken towards securing the offset. The quarterly reports should be submitted via the Department's Major Projects portal.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Mandana Mazaheri on 02 9995 5093.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S O'Donoghue'.

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
as delegate for the Planning Secretary