

Mr Enzo Guarino
Environmental Advisor
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24/08/2022

Dear Mr Guarino

Dargues Gold (MP10_0054)
Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement Extension Request

I refer to Aurelia's request (MP10_0054-PA-42) and subsequent information provided to the Department for an extension to meet the biodiversity offsets required under commitment 5.9a of the Statement of Commitments in the development consent for the Dargues Gold Project (MP10_0054). In your letter you request that a 6 month extension be granted to secure a legally binding letter of undertaking to lodge a biodiversity stewardship application (BSA) or written agreement from a landowner to agree to a BSA.

The Department has carefully reviewed the request and notes the constraints to securing a biodiversity offset prior to the end of August 2022, as previously agreed with the Department. The Department approves extending the timeframe – however a BSA application must be lodged by 31 March 2023, rather than only binding letters/ written agreements.

Please keep the Department informed of progress towards submitting a BSA application. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary