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19/04/2021

Dear Mr Weston,

**Collector Wind Farm (MP10\_0156)  
Extension of Time to Retire Biodiversity Credits**

I refer to your request (MP10\_0156-PA-14) for an extension of time for the retirement of PCT277 and PCT290 biodiversity credits as required under the conditions of approval for the Collector Wind Farm (MP10\_0156).

The Department notes that Ratch has:

- progressed securing an offset by working with a landowner of a potential site, undertaking site assessments and engaging with Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) to establish a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement to retire offsets for two communities (PCT277 *Blakely's Red Gum-Yellow Box grassy tall woodland of the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion* and the PCT290 *Red Stringybark-Red Box-Long-leaved Box-Inland Scribbly Gum tussock grass-shrub low open forest on hills in the southern part of the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion*);
- submitted a stewardship application to BCT in August 2020;
- received advice from BCT that it has commenced the process but that it may extend beyond 24 May 2021; and
- committed to retiring the other required ecosystem and species credits listed in the condition that will not be sourced from the proposed stewardship property, in accordance with the conditions of consent by obtaining credits from the market or paying into the BCT fund, by 24 May 2021.

The Department notes your request for seven-month extension (i.e. to the end of the calendar year) to allow for the progression of the credit retirement process for the stewardship site and commitment to retiring other required credits by 24 May 2021.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary:

- grants an extension of time until 31 December 2021 for the retirement of biodiversity credits progressing through the stewardship site (i.e. credits for PCT 277 and PCT 290); and
- notes your commitment to retiring other required credits by 24 May 2021.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Callum Firth on [callum.firth@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:callum.firth@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Brewer  
Director  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary