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Dear Mr Blane,

Subject: Dendrobium mine modification – Gas Management Infrastructure Modification Report – Response to Submissions

I refer to your request for comments on the Response to Submissions (RTS) and the revised Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) for the above modification.

I advise that our previous comments (correspondence dated 23 March 2022) have been adequately addressed and note the following:

- The previous BDAR stated that offsets were not required. This has now been corrected and the BDAR states that 17 ecosystem credits are required to offset impacts to PCT 1083 – *Red bloodwood – scribbly gum heathy woodland on sandstone plateaux of the Sydney Basin Bioregion*.
- Surveys were not carried out for two threatened orchid species (*Caladenia tessellata* and *Genoplesium baueri*) listed as Serious and Irreversible Impact (SII) entities). The revised BDAR has assumed presence for these species and the SII assessment has been updated. Thirty three biodiversity credits were generated for each species. This approach is appropriate.
- Vegetation zones have been amended and are now consistently presented in the BDAR and the BAM Calculator.
- Mitigation measures and credit requirements have been detailed in the BDAR. We consider them appropriate and recommend their inclusion in the conditions of consent if the modification is approved.

I advise that any changes to the development footprint causing further impacts to biodiversity as a result of submissions received will need to be addressed in an updated BDAR and biodiversity credits re-calculated accordingly.

If you have any questions or require further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Vanessa Allen, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, South East via Vanessa.Allen@environment.nsw.gov.au or 4224 4186.

Yours sincerely



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