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Attention: Gen Lucas
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy St
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Dear Gen,

SUBJECT: MOOLARBEN OC3 EXTENSION PROJECT (SSD-33083358)

Thank you for providing Mid-Western Regional Council (Council) with the opportunity to provide comment on the Moolarben OC3 Extension Project (SSD-33083358). Council has reviewed the documents and provides the below comments.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS), one option for Biodiversity Offset would be Funding a Biodiversity Conservation Action. Council asks MCO to consider future conservation projects within the Mid-Western LGA and how they may co-contribute towards funding these projects. As such, a Koala Conservation Management Plan will be devised and implemented in 2023 following current Koala Mapping within the LGA which will identify suitable areas of land which would benefit from restoration, with the aim of reconnecting fragmented Koala habitat by restoring corridors. Further, future conservation plans within the LGA include retrofitting microbat habitat to existing council structures such as bridges are underway.

Council would also like to promote aquatic ecology further through community engagement/awareness programs such as regular carp musters and offer greater incentives for participants than has been provided in the past. MCO's consideration of local Biodiversity Conservation Actions/Projects and further consultation would be welcome by Council.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Council on (02) 6378 2850.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BRAD CAM", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER