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Subject: Management plan and biodiversity offset staging

Dear Mr Berry

I refer to your submission lodged on the Major Projects Planning Portal on 4 December 2025 (letter dated 5 August 2025) requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to stage the retirement of biodiversity offsetting credits and the development of management plans for the Deep Creek Quarry.

The Department has reviewed your request and is satisfied that the staging can be undertaken in accordance with the relevant requirements of the conditions of consent (SSD-11591659). Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the proposed staging, as set out in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 below.

Table 1 Proposed staging of management plans and biodiversity offsetting

Condition(s)	Component	Proposed staging
Sch 2, Cond B31 and B32	Water Management Plan	Stage 1 plans to be prepared for construction works on the New Intersection Area only and included within a Stage 1 Construction Environmental Management Plan, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.
Sch 2, Cond B38	Traffic Management Plan	
Sch 2, Cond B48 and B49	Biodiversity Management Plan	Stage 2 plans to be prepared for the balance of project construction and operations in accordance with the relevant timing requirements set out in the consent (e.g. prior to the commencement of construction or quarrying operations), to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.
Sch 2, Cond D1 and D2	Environmental Management Strategy	
Sch 2, Cond B44	Biodiversity Offset Strategy	Staging of credit retirement as outlined in Table 2 and Table 3 below.

Table 2 Proposed staged retirement of ecosystem credits

Stage	Plant Community Type			
	PCT1556	PCT1567	PCT1590	PCT1619
C1 New Intersection Area	0	0	7	0
C2 Quarry Access Road	0	14	21	15
C3 Office and Workshop Area	0	1	31	7
C4 Culverts, quarry and south end of stockpile area	0	22	21	33
C5 Northern end of stockpile area	0	0	34	0
S1A Stage 1 Quarry Pit	0	1	19	75
S1B Deep Creek Road Realignment	0	0	4	0
S2 Stage 2 Quarry Pit	5	14	184	36
Total	5	52	321	166

Note: Ecosystem credits are to be retired prior to disturbance within the corresponding stage

Table 3 Proposed staged retirement of species credits

Stage	Species credits				
	<i>Callistemon linearifolius</i>	<i>Myotis macropus</i>	<i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>	<i>Phascogale cinereus</i>	<i>Tetratheca juncea</i>
C1 New Intersection Area	0	10	19	19	0
C2 Quarry Access Road	37	23	57	58	54
C3 Office and Workshop Area	6	69	76	78	12
C4 Culverts, quarry and south end of stockpile area	49	104	113	116	65
C5 Northern end of stockpile area	0	60	63	66	12
S1A Stage 1 Quarry Pit	0	95	103	110	121
S1B Deep Creek Road Realignment	0	7	7	8	3
S2 Stage 2 Quarry Pit	0	41	276	281	310
Total	92	409	714	736	577

Note: Species credits are to be retired prior to disturbance within the corresponding stage

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact James McDonough on (02) 9585 6313.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary