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Via Email: [Joe.Fittell@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Joe.Fittell@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Joe,

**Re: HVO Continuation Project - Supplementary Biodiversity Report**

Following the exhibition of the HVO Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and in response to advice received from the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD), an updated Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) was prepared by Umwelt and provided as Appendix E to the HVO North Amendment Report.

The updated BDAR acknowledged further biodiversity surveys were still required to be undertaken in the Project development footprints for some targeted species with seasonal survey requirements and which surveys were outstanding when the revised BDAR was submitted. These included surveys for:

- Stephen's banded snake (*Hoplocephalus stephensii*)
- Austral toadflax (*Thesium australe*)
- Leafless tongue orchid (*Cryptostylis hunteriana*).

It was acknowledged in the revised BDAR that the outcomes of these surveys would be presented in a supplementary report to be provided following their completion. This approach was discussed and agreed with BCD at the meeting held 19 October 2023.

These surveys have now been completed with the results presented in a supplementary report which is attached (see **Attachment 1**).

Should you have any questions or require any further information regarding the enclosed information, please don't hesitate to contact me as required.

Yours sincerely,

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**Attachment 1:** Addendum to the HVO Continuation Project Biodiversity Development Assessment Report: Additional Targeted Surveys (Umwelt February 2024)