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Dear Mr Northey

**Bulga Optimisation Project - Offset Extension (SSD-4960)**  
**Extension of Time to Secure Remaining Biodiversity Offset Area**

I refer to your request dated 16 September 2022 seeking an extension of time to secure the Vere Biodiversity Offset Area as required by SSD 4960.

The Department understands that all other biodiversity offsets required by SSD 4960 have now been secured, however additional time is required to finalise the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) for the Vere Biodiversity Offset Area, which was required to be secured 2 years after the commencement of development under Modification 3 (i.e. by 22 September 2022).

The Department notes your consultation with the Credit Supply Taskforce in your emails dated 15 September 2022. We understand an extension of time is sought to allow the Credit supply Taskforce adequate time to assess the BSA and finalise it.

The Department notes that the Credits Supply Taskforce anticipates finalising the BSA by the end of June 2023.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time until 30 June 2023 for the security of the Vere Biodiversity Offset Area required under SSD 4960.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on 02 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely



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Director  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary