

Mr Ralph Northey
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15/12/2023

Dear Mr Northey

Bulga Optimisation Project (SSD-4960)
Offset Extension Request

I refer to your letter dated 5 December 2023 requesting an extension of time to secure the final biodiversity offset area required by the Bulga Optimisation Project development consent (SSD-4960).

The Department notes your consultation with the Credit Supply Taskforce (the Taskforce) in the correspondence provided, and acknowledges that Vere Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) has been signed and submitted to the Taskforce for execution and registering.

In consideration of the timeframes anticipated by the Taskforce to execute the BSA and lodge with NSW Land Registry Services for registration on title prior to final retirement of the credits, as nominee of the Planning Secretary I grant an extension of time until **29 February 2024** 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SOD", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary