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Dear Mr White

**Bengalla Continuation Project (SSD 5170)
Extension Request - Long Term Security of Biodiversity Offsets**

I refer to your request (SSD-5170-PA-51) for an extension of time to finalise the long-term security of Biodiversity Offset Areas (BOAs) required under SSD 5170.

The Department has carefully reviewed the matter and notes that while considerable progress has been made to date, consultation with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) regarding offset security remains ongoing.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time until **30 June 2022** to allow for finalisation of the long-term security of the BOAs, subject to the submission of quarterly progress reports to the Department.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Sarah Clibborn on 8837 6095 or via email at sarah.clibborn@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Spratt'.

Matthew Spratt
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as nominee of the Planning Secretary