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Dear Mr Desmond

**Mt Owen Continued Operations Project (SSD 5850)  
Extension of Time to Secure Biodiversity Offset Areas**

I refer to your letter dated 29 October 2020 seeking a further extension of time to make suitable arrangements for the long-term security of four biodiversity offset areas, as required under conditions 27 and 29 of Schedule 3 of SSD-5850.

The Department understands that Glencore submitted the final applications to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) on 14 July 2020 and the BCT has recently requested further information to allow the four applications to progress. As such the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements (BSAs) are unlikely to be finalised before 4 December 2020.

Consequently, I wish to advise that the Planning Secretary has approved a further three-month extension of time for the finalisation of the following BSAs:

- Cross Creek Offset;
- Stringybark Creek Habitat Corridor Offset;
- Esparanga Offset; and
- Mitchell Hills Offset.

Please ensure that BSAs are finalised by no later than 4 March 2020. If you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Joe Fittell at the details above.

Yours sincerely,

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Director  
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)

As nominee of the Planning Secretary