

Mr Jason Desmond
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Dear Mr Desmond

**Mount Owen Continued Operations
Biodiversity Offset Credit Retirement**

I refer to your request (SSD-5850-PA-62) for an extension of time to retire biodiversity credits required under the conditions of consent for the Mount Owen Continued Operations - (SSD-5850) for Modifications 2, 5 and 6.

Mount Owen Glencore Operations (MGO) has actively sought to secure three land-based options and have consulted extensively with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), however BCT has advised that additional time is required to secure the offsets via Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements. The Department is satisfied that the request for a time extension is reasonable.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 4 September 2022 for the time extension to retire biodiversity credits.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Charissa Pillay on 02 99955944.

Yours sincerely



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