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Dear Mr Desmond

**Mount Owen Continued Operations Project (SSD-5850)
Finalisation of Rehabilitation Woodland Offset**

I refer to your request dated 23 December 2021 seeking an extension of time to identify the final location of the Rehabilitation Woodland Offset Area as required by condition 31(d) of Schedule 2 of SSD 5850.

The Department understands that an indicative location of the Rehabilitation Woodland Offset Area has been identified, however the location is yet to be finalised upon completion of rehabilitation activities and finalisation of an agreement or land transfer with NPWS regarding the portions of land located within the previous Ravensworth State Forest boundary.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 6 February 2023 for the final location of the Rehabilitation Woodland Offset Area to be identified in the Biodiversity Management Plan. Notwithstanding, the Department requests that the indicative location of the Rehabilitation Woodland Offset Area (as currently proposed) be included in the Mount Owen Biodiversity Management Plan when it is next reviewed and revised.

In consideration of the above, the Department confirms that the requirements of condition 29 of Schedule 2 of SSD 5850 to secure the Rehabilitation Woodland Offset Area have not yet been triggered and continue to be linked to the finalisation of the location of the Rehabilitation Woodland Offset Area.

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

Yours sincerely,



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As nominee of the Secretary