



Department of Planning and Environment

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Dear Mr Desmond

**Mount Owen Continued Operations (SSD-5850)
Time Extension to Secure Biodiversity Offset Area**

I refer to your request (SSD-5850-PA-67) for an extension of time to undertake long-term security arrangements for Mount Owen Offset (Cross Creek, Stringybark Creek Habitat Corridor Offset, Esperanga Offset and Mitchell Hills Offsets). The offset areas are required as per the conditions of consent for the Mount Owen Continued Operations (SSD-5850).

The Department understands the delay in securing these offsets is due to the transfer of ownership of crown roads to Glencore within the Esperanga Offset.

The Department notes that the Planning Secretary has already provided a number of extensions for securing these offsets in accordance with the conditions of SSD-5850. As such, the Planning Secretary does not agree to a further extension and reiterates previous correspondence that finalisation of the long-term security of the offsets is required by 4 September 2022.

The offset security should be expedited as soon as possible. Mount Owen would be in non-compliance with this condition if offsets are not secured by 4 September 2022 and the matter would need to be considered by the Department's compliance team in accordance with the Department's Compliance Policy.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Charissa Pillay on 02 9995 5944.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary