

Mr Jochen Rasmussen
Suite 2103
Level 21
1 York Street
Sydney New South Wales 2000

10/09/2021

Dear Mr Rasmussen

Biala Wind (SSD-6039)
Biodiversity offset - Request for extension

I refer to your request dated 30 July 2021 for an extension of time to discharge your biodiversity offset obligations as required under the conditions of consent for the Biala Wind (SSD-6039), and additional information dated 25 August 2021 providing further information in relation to your request.

The Department notes:

- you have advised that progress has been made towards retiring the required credits including assessment of options, and submission of an application for assessment of reasonable equivalence;
- you have advised that finalisation of the commercial arrangements has been delayed such that payment into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund is the preferred option;
- you seek to defer the timing for completion of the offsetting process, and have requested an extension of six months from original lodgement of this request (i.e. an extension until 5 February 2022);
- the accredited assessor you have engaged to coordinate this process has commenced consultation with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust;
- you have provided a detailed, indicative timeline for completion of the remaining steps to finalise payment into the Trust, with proposed completion of the application to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund by 29 September 2021 and proposed completion of the overall process by 15 December 2021, in line with proposed timing for turbine commissioning tests; and
- it is considered that providing an extension until early 2022 would provide a realistic and achievable completion date, accommodate any unforeseen minor delays in your indicative timeline, and continue to require you to make progress towards discharging your offset obligations.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 5 February 2022 for the request on the understanding that the application to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund would be completed by around 29 September 2021 and by 31 October 2021 at the latest.

The Department requests that you provide an update on your progress towards discharging the biodiversity offset obligations to the Department by 15 December 2021, if your offsetting obligations have not been fully discharged by that date.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Dominic Crinnion on (02) 9274 6495.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Brewer', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicole Brewer
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary