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Dear Mr Berry

**Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry (SSD-6125)
Extension of time to implement biodiversity offset strategy**

I refer to your request (SSD-6125-PA-16) made on behalf of Newcastle Sand Syndicate (NSS) for a 12-month extension of time to implement the biodiversity offset strategy required under the conditions of consent for the Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry (SSD-6125).

The Department notes that the request to vary the required timing to acquire and retire biodiversity credits for the project is based on two key factors:

- increased economic strain and delays; and
- practical limitations due to credit availability and clarify on process.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time until 18 May 2022 for NSS to acquire and retire biodiversity credits in accordance with condition 34 of Schedule 3 of the conditions of consent for SSD-6125.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact James McDonough on (02) 9585 6313.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary