Department of Planning and Environment



Our ref: SSD-6686-PA-40

Ms Alana Gordijn CWP Renewables Via email: <u>alana.gordijn@cwprenewables.com</u>

09/06/2022

Subject: Bango Wind Farm (SSD-6686) Further Extension of Time to Retire Biodiversity Credits

Dear Ms Gordijn

I refer to your letter of 23 May 2022, seeking a further extension of time to retire the biodiversity credits under Condition 19 of Schedule 3 of the Bango Wind Farm (SSD 6686) development consent.

The Department notes that since development consent was granted in June 2019, the Planning Secretary has already approved an extension to retire the offset credits to 14 August 2022 (granted on 22 June 2021).

The Department has carefully reviewed your request to further extend the deadline for retirement of biodiversity credits.

The Department understands that there are extenuating circumstances associated with this request, and notes that the Biodiversity Conservation and Science (BCS) division has advised that an extension is appropriate in that context.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves the proposed extension to retire the minimum biodiversity offset credits as required under Condition 19 of Schedule 3 of the development consent by 4 November 2022.

The Department notes that it is unlikely to provide any further extensions to this timeframe. The Department requests that you provide a copy of the final *Statement of Reasonable Equivalence* once issued by BCS

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Andy Nixey on 02 9274 6379 or via email at andy.nixey@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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