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Dear Ms Cross

**Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (SSD-6697)
Extension of Time to Secure Biodiversity Offsets**

I refer to your request dated 10 June 2020, for an extension of time to secure biodiversity offsets as required under conditions 20 and 21 of Schedule 3 of the development consent for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (SSD-6697).

The Department notes that CWP has progressed the biodiversity offset requirements under condition 20 through purchase of a property to establish a Stewardship Agreement. The Department notes that ecology surveys to complete the preparation of a Stewardship Agreement were delayed due to drought conditions during 2018/2019 but that these surveys are now complete and CWP intends to lodge the Stewardship Agreement by the end of July 2020.

The Department notes that CWP has progressed the biodiversity offset requirements under condition 21 including investigating the options with the aim to acquire and retire credits locally but that to date the relevant credits have not become available. The Department notes that in the event these cannot be retired locally, CWP would pay into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time:

- until 10 June 2021 for the requirements under condition 20 of Schedule 3 of the consent for establishment of the Stewardship Agreement under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*; and
- until 10 December 2020 for the requirements under condition 21 of Schedule 3 of the consent for the retirement of the biodiversity credits associated with clearing on Aarons Pass Road.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Natasha Homsey on 02 8275 1264 or at natasha.homsey@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



— 1/7/20

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary