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Dear Pamela

**RE: PROPOSED BULK LIQUIDS FUEL TERMINAL, PORT KEMBLA (SSD15_7264)
BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT REPORT**

I write to you regarding the required biodiversity assessment for the aforementioned State Significant Development (SSD) major project. As per our email correspondence of 29 January 2016, the proponent's ecological consultant has submitted a Biodiversity Assessment Report (BAR) assessment and Biodiversity Offset Strategy (BOS) as required under the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment (FBA). We have reviewed the BAR & BOS and can confirm that they have met the requirements of the FBA.

As per the submitted BAR (Ecoplanning, 2016) the development will remove approximately 0.02ha of Green & Golden Bell Frog (*Litoria aurea*) habitat which requires one (1) species credit to offset the impacts of the development. In accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects (Major Projects Policy), species listed under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC 1999) are required to be offset in a "like for like" manner. In addition, where appropriate credits are available on the Biobanking market, these must be utilised to secure any offsets required under the FBA.

The BOS identifies the purchase and retirement of the required species credit as the preferred mechanism to meet the projects offset requirement. In order to meet the requirements of the Major Projects Policy, an appropriate condition will need to be imposed on the development consent requiring the purchase and retirement of the required credit prior to works commencing on the site.

If you have any further queries on this matter, please contact Calvin Houlison, Conservation Planning Officer on 4224 4179 or via e-mail calvin.houlison@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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