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Dear Mr McClea

**Darlington Point Solar (SSD-8392)
Extension of Time to Retire Biodiversity Credits**

I refer to your letter of 14 April 2022, seeking a further extension of time to retire the biodiversity credits under condition 9 of Schedule 3 of the Darlington Point Solar Farm (SSD 8392) development consent.

The Department notes that since the development consent was granted in December 2018, the Planning Secretary has already approved an extension to retire the minimum biodiversity offset credits to 30 September 2021 (granted on 23 March 2021) and a further extension to 29 April 2022 (granted on 29 September 2021).

The Department has carefully reviewed your request to further extend the deadline for the retirement of biodiversity credits to 28 April 2023.

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 9 of Schedule 3 of the development consent to 28 April 2023, to the satisfaction of BCS.

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 Tatsiana Bandaruk on 02 8275 1349 or via tatsiana.bandaruk@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary