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Dear Mr Pease

Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project SSD 8642

I am writing to advise that the Department's Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) has provided further advice on the biodiversity component of the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The comments are as a result of further review of the EIS by BCD following a meeting held on 1 November 2019.

I draw your attention to BCD's comments on the Orchid Expert Report and proposed offsetting requirements. The Department's Planning and Assessment Division will consider BCD's comments in its assessment of the Project and requests that Glencore responds to these comments.

BCD have also raised significant concerns with the consideration and classification of Vegetation Zone 6. The Department recommends that Glencore discusses these concerns directly with BCD to determine a way forward. The Planning and Assessment Division would be available to participate in these discussions, if required.

The Planning and Assessment Division requests that Glencore provides a thorough and detailed response to the concerns raised by BCD, either as part of its Response to Submissions report, or as a supplementary report.

If you require further information, please contact me on 8217 2054.

Yours sincerely

11/12/2019

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