



Department of Planning and Environment

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Dear Mr Palmer

**Mangoola Continued Operations Project (SSD-8642)
Groundwater Model Validation Extension**

I refer to your request (dated 21 June 2022) seeking an extension of time to undertake the groundwater model validation as required under condition B50 of Schedule 2 of the development consent for the Mangoola Continued Operations Project (SSD-8642).

The Department understands Mangoola is completing a drilling program which will provide additional information into the groundwater model validation, however given recent rainfall, the drilling program has not yet been able to commence. As such, Mangoola is seeking an extension to conduct the groundwater model validation.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time until 31 December 2022 for the groundwater model validation to be undertaken.

Please also note that the groundwater model validation program should include an independent third-party peer review, with the details of the review and how any issues have been addressed in the validation report package.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on (02) 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary