

Our ref: SSD-8642-PA-67

Sam Palmer  
Environment and Community Manager  
Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Limited

29/11/2023

**Subject: Extension of Time to Retire Biodiversity Offset Credits**

Dear Mr Palmer

I refer to your request dated 20 November 2023 seeking an extension of time to retire biodiversity credits required by SSD 8642. The Department understands that Mangoola has been in consultation with the Credit Supply Taskforce regarding likely timing for retirement of the biodiversity credits required under Condition B53 of Schedule 2 of SSD 8642.

The Department understands the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) for the Wybong Heights offset area has been finalised and BSA documentation has been provided to Mangoola for signing. In addition, we understand that the BSA for the Mangoola offset area has been lodged with the Credits Supply Taskforce for assessment.

The Department understands an extension of time is sought to allow the Credit Supply Taskforce adequate time to assess and finalise the required BSA, including the required reasonable equivalence process. The Department notes that the Credits Supply Taskforce anticipates finalising the BSA by the end of June 2024.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time until **30 June 2024** for the retirement of credits required under SSD 8642.

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

Yours sincerely

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**Stephen O'Donoghue**  
**Director**  
**Resource Assessments**  
As nominee of the Planning Secretary