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Dear Mrs. McLaughlin

**Maxwell Underground (SSD-9526)  
Biodiversity Credit Requirements**

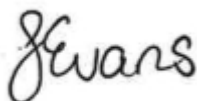
I refer to the Biodiversity Credit Requirements letter submitted in accordance with Condition B49 of Schedule 2 of the Development Consent for the Maxwell Underground Mine (SSD-9526).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the relevant requirements of condition B49. Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the request to reduce biodiversity credit requirements under Condition B49 as follows:

1. The Department (including the Biodiversity and Conservation Division) is satisfied that the offset requirements in Conditions B47 and B48 of Schedule 2 for *Pterostylis chaetophora*, *Ozothamnus tessellatus* and *Thesium australe* can be reduced to zero for this project.
2. However, the 0.3 hectares of habitat considered suitable for *Diuris tricolor* and *Prasophyllum petilum* within the Stage One development footprint has not been surveyed in full compliance with *Surveying threatened plants and their habitats: NSW survey guide for the Biodiversity Assessment Method* (BCD, 2020). Therefore, the Table 6 'Biodiversity credit requirements (Stage One)' required for *Diuris tricolor* are changed from 1,474 credits to 5 credits, and for *Prasophyllum petilum* are changed from 1,114 credits to 6 credits.
3. The credit requirements for *Diuris tricolor* and *Prasophyllum petilum* in Table 7 'Biodiversity credit requirements (Stage Two)' can be changed to zero.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on 6575 3406 or Robert Gibson of the Biodiversity and Conservation Division on (02) 4927 3154.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Secretary

