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Dear Mrs McLaughlin

**Maxwell Underground - (SSD-9526)
Biodiversity Offset Credit Retirement Time Extension**

I refer to your request (SSD-9526-PA-35) and letter submitted to the Department on the 13 August 2021, for a time extension to retire Biodiversity Offset Credits as required under the conditions of consent for the Maxwell Underground - Biodiversity Offset Credit Retirement (SSD-9526-PA-35).

I understand that Maxwell Underground has prepared a draft Biodiversity Stewardship Application for a land-based offset property. The proposed offset property provides sufficient credits to satisfy the biodiversity credit requirements in Conditions B47 and B48 of Development Consent SSD 9526.

I note that Maxwell Underground met with NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) on 27 July 2021. BCT have advised that the first review of the draft application would take two weeks and a full assessment of the application may take up to six months. Therefore, the credits are expected to be formalised and retired before the 30 June 2022.

Accordingly, I grant an extension of time until 30 June 2022 to finalise the Biodiversity Offset Credit Retirement application.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Charissa Pillay on 02 99955944.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Secretary