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**Subject: Extension Request for Biodiversity Credit Retirement**

Dear Ms. McLaughlin

I refer to your request for an extension of time under Condition B47 of SSD-9526 to retire biodiversity credits required by Conditions B47 and B50A of the Development Consent for the Maxwell Coal .

The Department notes your consultation with the Credit Supply Taskforce in your letter dated 26 August 2022. We understand an extension of time is sought:

- to obtain legal advice on whether to separate the Biodiversity Steward Agreement (BSA) applications for each property
- to allow time for Credit Supply Taskforce to continue to process the BSA application in its current form in parallel to seeking legal advice.

The Department notes that the Credits Supply Taskforce anticipates finalising the BSA by the end of the year.

The Secretary has granted an extension of time until 28 February 2023 for the retirement of biodiversity offsets required under the consent.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SOD", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Stephen O'Donoghue  
Director  
Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary