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Attention: Andrew Smith, Senior Manager Environment

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Subject: Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport Conditions of Approval E3: Evidence of the retirement of credits or payment to secure offsets to Department

Dear Mr Smith,

I refer to your submission dated 26 October 2022, of the E3 Vegetation Clearing Notification. I note the document was submitted to advise the Department that an area of vegetation requires clearing outside of the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport (SM-WSA) project boundary shown in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The revised location would mean the following changes to the vegetation clearing for the project:

- An additional area of 0.08 ha (or approximately 3 credits) of plant community type (PCT) 849 Thinned would need to be cleared; and
- A reduction in impact of 0.14 ha (or approximately 3 credits) of PCT 724 Thinned as this area would no longer need to be cleared.

I note that an updated ecosystem credit requirement under Condition E4 is not needed as impacts to this PCT would not exceed those identified in Condition E4.

You are reminded that impacts to plant communities must not exceed those identified in the documents listed in Condition A1 of the approval of SSI 10051, unless approved by the Planning Secretary.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Ellena Tsanidis on ellena.tsanidis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary