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Subject: Sydney Metro Western Sydney Airport (SMWSA) (SSI 10051) – Conditions of Approval E4, E5 and E7 – Evidence of the retirement of biodiversity credits or payment to secure offsets

Dear Mr Virtue

I refer to your submission dated 10 November 2022, regarding the retirement of biodiversity credits under conditions E4, E5 and E7 of SSI 10051. Vegetation removal is required for works across the Surface and Civil Alignment Work (SCAW) construction stage, including site establishment. Evidence of retirement of biodiversity credits must be provided prior to impact on biodiversity impacts as required by condition E7.

It is noted that Table 2 of the document shows the proportion of credits covered by each certificate and credit retirement report has been allocated to the different construction stages. This includes the on-airport and off-airport parts of the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport project. This table will also be progressively updated for each construction stage.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I acknowledge that evidence has been provided to demonstrate that biodiversity credits have been retired prior to removal of native vegetation associated with the SCAW construction stage as required under condition E4 (SSI 10051).

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

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary