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Dear Mr Gilham

**The Northern Road Upgrade (SSI 7127)  
Biodiversity Offset Plan – Request for an extension of time**

I refer to your submission received on 24 February 2021 seeking an extension to the submission of the Biodiversity Offset Plan (BOP) required under condition E3 of SSI 7127.

Condition E3 requires that the BOP be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval within 12 months of the approval of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy was approved on 9 April 2020, therefore in accordance with condition E3, the BOP must be submitted for the approval of the Planning Secretary by 8 April 2021.

I note that you:

- are seeking a six-month extension to the submission of the BOP under condition E3 of SSI 7127;
- have sought the Planning Secretary's agreement for this extension at least one month before the date on which the BOP is required to be submitted.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the extension of submission of the BOP until 8 October 2021, pursuant to condition E3 of SSI 7127.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Ms Lee McCourt on 8289 6969 or [Lee.McCourt@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Lee.McCourt@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jake Shackleton'.

**Jake Shackleton**  
A/Director - Infrastructure Management

As nominee of the Planning Secretary