

Our ref: SSI-7319-PA-213

Melissa Mayfield-Smith
Senior Manager Environment and Sustainability
6 Stewart Avenue
Newcastle, NSW, 2300

11 August 2025

Subject: Update of biodiversity offset obligations

Dear Ms Mayfield-Smith,

I refer to your submission dated 18 July 2025 requesting approval of the updated ecosystem credits based on the updated construction footprint, as required by Condition E8.

I note from your submission:

- Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are only proposing to update the ecosystem credits at this point in time and a separate submission for changes to species credits, if required, will need to be submitted to the department for approval
- The updated clearing quantities used to inform the credit adjustments were provided by TfNSW in Attachment B.
- Evidence of consultation with Conservation Programs, Heritage & Regulation Group (CPHR) and the Cwlth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) was submitted to the department. No objections to the changes were raised during consultation
- The extent of clearing used to inform the ecosystem credit changes is slightly greater than what is presented in the E6 clearing report. The department understands this is to allow for small changes in the final project footprint.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the changes to the E8 ecosystem credit requirements.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Grant Brown at grant.brown@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Grant Brown
Team Leader
Infrastructure Management

As nominee of the Planning Secretary