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Dear Mr Borrelli

**Narrabri to North Star (SSI 7474)
Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) – Revision 3**

I refer to the updated Biodiversity Management Plan (Revision 3) which was submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval in accordance with Condition C13 of the approval for the Narrabri to North Star project (SSI-7474).

I note that Revision 3 of the BMP:

- has been updated to address the recent unexpected finds of the Five Claw Worm Skink;
- has been prepared in consultation with DPIE Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) and Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE);
- contains a protocol (including a flow chart) to be implemented on an encounter with a Five Claw Worm Skink;
- contains a description of additional mitigation measures and surveys to be implemented; and
- commits to informing the BCS and DAWE within 48 hours of a Five Claw Worm Skink encounter.

I also note that these changes relate to the remainder of the Stage 3 works and that the BMP will need to be reviewed again prior to Stage 1 works commencing in order to include any relevant updates for that section of the project.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary I approve the Biodiversity Management Plan (Revision 3, dated 6 January 2022). Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

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

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary