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**Subject: Narrabri to North Star, Phase 1 (CSSI-7474) Conditions C4: Five Clawed Worm Skink Species Management Plan**

Dear Mr. Borrelli

I refer to your submission dated 30 July 2024 of the Five Clawed Worm Skink (FCWS) species management plan, dated 30 September 2024, revision 6, submitted for approval under Condition C4.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and considers that the document:

- Updated in response to the Minister's Direction, issued on 30 April 2024, under Condition A4 of SSI-7474 concerning the removal of monitoring sites for FCWS.
- has been updated to incorporate BCS recommendations, regarding:
  - monitoring site layout and configuration,
  - monitoring schedules,
  - operational management and site protection measures.

The Department notes that there are continuing commitments from the plan to maintain the monitoring sites and conduct monitoring events for the FCWS.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary I approve the FCWS species management plan, dated 30 September, revision 6, submitted for approval under Condition C4.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Scott Cooper at [scott.cooper@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scott.cooper@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary