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Subject: Narrabri to North Star, Phase 1 (CSSI-7474) Condition E18: Biodiversity Offset Retirement Time Extension

Dear Mr. Borrelli

I refer to your letter dated 4 October 2024 requesting a 4 month extension to the requirements of condition E18, as allowed under condition A6, to fulfil the requirements for the project's biodiversity offset obligations for ecosystem and species credits.

I note that the project has advised it is currently finalising measures to meet its Biodiversity Offset obligations, but that the current deadline of 13 October 2024 cannot be met.

The Department notes that previous extension requests have been approved by the Department.

The Department has considered the justification provided for the extension and update of the project's progress towards finalising its commitments under the conditions of approval.

We consider that an extension utilising condition A6, of an additional 4 months from 13 October 2024 to 13 February 2025 is appropriate and the final date to meet the requirements of E18 will be 13 February 2025.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary I approve the time extension of E18 by 4 months to 13 February 2025 in accordance with condition A6.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Scott Cooper at scott.cooper@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Scott", written over a horizontal line.

Alexander Scott
Director, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary