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Dear Mr Forde

**Inland Rail – Parkes to Narromine (SS1 7475)  
Extension of Time to Type of Request**

I refer to your correspondence dated 24 January 2020 seeking an extension to the submission of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy (BOS) required under condition E16 of SSD 7475.

Condition E16 requires a BOS to be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval within 12 months of the commencement of construction. Construction of the Inland Rail – Parkes to Narromine project commenced on 18 February 2019. Therefore, in accordance with condition E16, the BOS must be submitted for the approval of the Planning Secretary by 18 February 2020.

I note that you:

- are seeking a 90-day extension to the submission of the BOS under condition A7 of SSD 7475; and
- have sought the Planning Secretary's agreement for this extension at least 14 days before the date on which the BOS is required to be submitted.

As delegate of the Planning Secretary I approve the extension of the submission of the BOS for approval until 18 May 2020, pursuant to condition A7.

Please note that this approval does not apply to the timing of biodiversity credit retirement required under condition E20. Subsequent to the approval of the BOS, you are required to retire the biodiversity credits no later than 18 February 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Jake Shackleton, A/Team Leader Infrastructure Management on 8275 1168 or [jake.shackleton@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jake.shackleton@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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As delegate of the Planning Secretary

