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Dear Philip,

**Dubbo Project Modification 1 - Project Layout and Processing Changes (SSD-5251)**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 25 March 2022 to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) of the Department of Planning and Environment inviting comments on The Dubbo Project Layout and Processing Changes Modification Application (MOD1).

BCS has reviewed the Dubbo project Modification 1 Report in addition to the project's consent (SSD5251) approved on 28 May 2015. As BCS understands the proposed modification includes the construction of compounds in areas previously approved for surface disturbance and a range of adjustments to the approved project site layout.

From review of the project's consent, it is noted that the proposed MOD1 would result in the reduction of impacts to native vegetation communities and an increase of impacts to areas classified as cleared, grazed or cropped.

BCS considers that the proposed MOD1 is unlikely to result in impacts to biodiversity values additional to, or exceeding that, previously approved within the project's consent. As such, BCS advises that a biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) should not be required and that no changes to the existing Biodiversity Offset Area will be necessary for the MOD1 application. BCS has no further specific comment to make on the proposed modification.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact me, via ben.ellis@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 8275 1838.

Yours sincerely,



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