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Subject: Mechanism for the Protection of Restored Koala Habitat (Condition E13 of SSI 7666)

Dear Mr Lawrence

I refer to your letter dated 12 September 2022 nominating Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements (BSA) as the proposed mechanism to protect the restored Koala habitat. I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

I note the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements:

- have been selected in consultation with Biodiversity Conservation Division, Biodiversity Conservation Trust and Credit Supply Taskforce.
- include in-perpetuity funding for managing and protecting koala corridors at the two locations.
- are supported by Biodiversity Conservation Division, Biodiversity Conservation Trust and Credit Supply Taskforce.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements as the mechanism to protect the restored Koala habitat required by Condition E13.

I note the proposed BSA area at Roberts Hill includes 8.386 hectares of koala revegetation and proposed BSA area at Gatelys Road includes 11.776 hectares of koala revegetation.

You are reminded that the Koala habitat restoration must be undertaken within 12 months of the completion of construction and meet one or more Koala habitat Plant Community Types.

Please make the document publicly available on the project website at your earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Amy Porter at amy.porter@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary