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Subject: Narromine to Narrabri (CSSI-9487) Biodiversity Offset Variation Request (E27)

Dear Mr Hamilton,

I refer to your submission dated 3 July 2023 requesting approval to utilise condition E27 to apply the variation rules to retire 2680 PCT(Plant Community Type) 148 Pilliga Outwash Dry Sclerophyll Forest credits and 644 PCT 1384 Pilliga Outwash Dry Sclerophyll Forest credits.

I note that:

- Biodiversity and Conservation and Science Directorate (BCSD) has carefully reviewed the supplied information and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of condition E27.
- The Department is satisfied that your proposal is consistent with the *Ancillary rules: Reasonable steps to seek like-for-like biodiversity credits for the purpose of applying the variation rules* (OEH, 2017).

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the request to utilise condition E27 to vary offsets for PCT148 and PCT 1384. Please note that the use of variation rules must comply with Clauses 6.4 and 6.6A of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*

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

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

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary

