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Attn: Peter Burke, Matthew Murrinan

Dear Mr Gellibrand

**North West Rail Link (NWRL) (SSI – 5100) – Biodiversity Offset Package (Condition C5)**

I refer to the correspondence and documentation submitted to the Department by Transport for NSW/Ecological in accordance with condition C5 of the Minister's State Significant Infrastructure Approval for the North West Rail Link.

In assessing the Biodiversity Offset Package, the Department notes that the documentation has been prepared in accordance with the impacts presented within the Environmental Impact Statements (SSI 5100 and SSI 5414). As such, the Department requires that all commitments and mitigation measures presented within these documents be adhered to in conjunction with the Biodiversity Offset Package.

Further, the Department reaffirms that the Applicant has committed to purchase an additional 20 credits or the equivalent of 1.95 hectares of revegetation to offset impacts within the Growth Centre as well as the 44 credits required to offset impacts outside of the Growth Centre area.

The Department has reviewed the documentation and is generally satisfied that it addresses the requirements of the relevant condition. Therefore, the Secretary, in accordance with condition C5, approves the Biodiversity Offset Package subject to the conditions included in Attachment 1, requiring submission of documentation once all offsets have been secured and the revision of Tables 4 and 5 of the Package to reflect the correct totals for credits required. An updated version of the Biodiversity Offset Package (one hard copy and an electronic copy) is to be submitted to the Department for its information.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Lisa Mitchell on ph. 9228 6284.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Jones

23.6.14

Director

**Infrastructure Projects**

As nominee of the Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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- The Applicant shall provide appropriate documentation to the Department once credits for all impacts have been secured, including offsets for those impacts within the North West Growth Centre. This includes provision of a GIS layer of the final impact area (including impacts upon Existing Native Vegetation within the Growth Centres Biodiversity Certification), when available.
- The Applicant shall revise 'Number of Credits Required' calculations as presented within Tables 4 and 5 of the Biodiversity Offset Package to ensure that the totals presented are correct.