



Our reference: 2011/5854

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Dear Mr Mounsey

EPBC 2011/5854: Sapphire Wind Farm – Variation to Condition 2, Approval of Biodiversity Offset Package and Research Funding Proposal

Thank you for your letters to the Department, requesting a variation to condition 2, and seeking approval for the Biodiversity Offset Package *version 4* (December 2016) and Research Funding Proposal required under the approval decision dated 5 December 2014.

Officers of this Department have reviewed the variation request, the Biodiversity Offset Package and the Research Funding Proposal. As delegate of the Minister, I have varied condition 2 d)(i) of EPBC Approval 2011/5854 under section 143(1)(c) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to provide an additional 6 months to secure Offset Site A. Condition 2 d)(i) must now be undertaken in accordance with the varied condition specified in the variation notification, which has been attached for your information.

I have also approved the Biodiversity Offset Package *version 4* (December 2016) and the Research Funding Proposal in accordance with approval conditions 2 and 4, respectively. These documents must now be implemented.

As you are aware, the Department has an active monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desk top document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval so that they can be made available to the Department on request.

Should you require any further information please contact Nathan O'Brien, Post Approvals Section, on 02 6275 9682 or by email: post.approvals@environment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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