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Response to request for information regarding Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project (SSD-7293)

Dear Mr Barry

I refer to your request that the Department prepare updated draft conditions of consent that include the following details:

- A. *Specific performance and completion criteria including benchmarks to be achieved for the revegetation of existing cleared areas of the site (in Appendix 8) prior to the commencement of clearing within the areas of significant Koala activity identified in Appendix 9 or outside the Stage 1 Limit of Extraction (as shown on Figure 1 in Appendix 2);***
- B. *Clarification by specifying that clearing of vegetation beyond the equivalent of the Stage 1 extraction area would be contingent on the performance and completion criteria in item A (above) having been met.***

As requested, the Department has consulted with the Applicant and BCS when preparing our response (see Attachments A and B).

The Department's response is provided as follows:

Recommended conditions

B42. *The Applicant must revegetate the cleared areas of the site as identified in Appendix 8 in accordance with the Plant Community Types and planting densities described in the documents listed in condition A2(c), and the performance and completion criteria identified in **Table 5**.*

Table 5: Koala habitat revegetation performance and completion criteria

Area	Performance and completion criteria
Northern-most cleared area within Lot 2 DP574308	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revegetation must conform to adjacent Plant Community Types and incorporate Broad-leaved paperbark and Swamp mahogany speciesSwamp mahogany must occur at a density of between 96 to 188 plants per hectareEvidence of Koala use of revegetation area must be identified using the NSW Koala Biodiversity Assessment Method Survey Guide or evidence identified that the revegetation area has functional capacity¹ as Koala habitat

Area	Performance and completion criteria
Western-most cleared area within Lot 2 DP574308	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revegetation must conform to adjacent Plant Community Types and include Broad-leaved paperbark and Swamp mahogany in low-lying wetter areas and in more elevated areas the tallest stratum should include a mix of Tallowwood, Small-fruited grey gum and Forest red gum Swamp mahogany, Tallowwood, Small-fruited grey gum and Forest red gum must collectively occur at a density of between 96 to 188 plants per hectare Evidence of Koala use of revegetation area must be identified using the NSW Koala Biodiversity Assessment Method Survey Guide or evidence identified that the revegetation area has functional capacity² as Koala habitat

Notes: ¹ functional capacity must be demonstrated by the presence of Swamp mahogany $\geq 100\text{mm}$ diameter at breast height

² functional capacity must be demonstrated by the presence of Tallowwood, Small-fruited grey gum and Forest red gum $\geq 300\text{mm}$ diameter at breast height

B43. The Applicant must commence revegetation of the existing cleared areas of the site as identified in Appendix 8 prior to the commencement of remnant vegetation clearing.

B44. The Applicant must not commence vegetation clearing within the areas of significant Koala activity identified in Appendix 9, or clear more than 12 hectares of remnant vegetation on the site, until the cleared areas of the site identified in Appendix 8 are revegetated in accordance with the performance and completion criteria established in Condition B42, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

Deletion of condition

Given the performance and completion criteria would be established under Condition B42 (above), the Department also recommends the deletion of Condition B52. (f) (ii), which relates to such criteria being established as a component of the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this additional information to support the Commission's deliberations regarding the project.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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