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Dear Alex

Variation of Edmondson Park Precinct Conservation Agreement (August 2009) made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

I refer to your letter of 10 January 2019 (your reference 018/993842) to Mr Mike Smith seeking a variation to the above Conservation Agreement. The Conservation Agreement was entered into in August 2009, pursuant to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) by the Commonwealth and Government of New South Wales.

Pursuant to section 308 of the EPBC Act and clause 7 of the Conservation Agreement, the Conservation Agreement can be varied by written agreement of the Parties. I note that NSW has agreed in writing to the variations that are the subject of this letter (your letter referenced above). As delegate of the Minister for Environment, the Hon Melissa Price MP, I am authorised to make decisions under the EPBC Act.

I advise that this letter will operate as a variation agreement for the purposes of the EPBC Act and will vary the terms of the Conservation Agreement as agreed between the Parties. Any terms not defined herein will have the meaning given to them in the Conservation Agreement or the EPBC Act, as appropriate.

The variation that is the subject of this letter is for an extension in time to meet the commitment in Schedule 4 of the Conservation Agreement, and subsequent variations, to transfer land for the Regional Park to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

The extension in time does not affect the intent of the Conservation Agreement, including establishment of the required Regional Park and protection of Cumberland Plain Woodland and other biodiversity values.

I confirm, as a delegate for the Minister, that I am satisfied that this written agreement to amend the Conservation Agreement satisfies the requirements of sections 305, 306 and 308 of the EPBC Act as relevant.

I confirm that the Parties have agreed to the following change to the Conservation Agreement:

- The timing for Item 3 of Table 1 at Schedule 4 (Transfer of proposed Regional Park areas to DECC [Office of the Environment and Heritage]) is now 31 December 2021.

The terms of the Conservation Agreement continue in full force and effect, except to the extent they are varied by the terms of this letter agreement. The variations have effect from the date of signature of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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1 February 2019