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Approval of Biodiversity Offset Management Plan for Eastern Leases Project, Groote Eylandt, NT

Dear Mr Chapman

Thank you for your correspondence dated 10 April 2024 to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, seeking approval of the Biodiversity Offset Management Plan, in accordance with Condition 12 of the above project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Officers of the department have advised me on the Biodiversity Offset Management Plan and the requirements of the conditions of the approval for this project. On this basis, and as a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water (the Minister), I have decided to approve the *Groote Eylandt Mining Company (GEMCO) Eastern Leases Project Biodiversity Offset Management Plan, Version 3*, dated 10 April 2024. This plan 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 Sarah Rottet by email to PostApproval@dcceew.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Short'.

Rachel Short
Branch Head
Environment Assessments (Vic and Tas) and Post Approvals

29 April 2024