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Comments on proposed action Dunmore Lakes Sand Project Modification 2 Pond 5B extraction, Dunmore NSW

Dear Mr Pike

Thank you for your and Mr Chyra's comments to David Fredericks PSM, Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, on the above proposed action to construct and operate an extraction pit for sand mining, including dredge pumps and access roads, in Dunmore NSW, which was referred for consideration under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). Thank you also for your other correspondence to the department on the referral.

I have decided that the proposed action is not a controlled action and, as such, does not require assessment and approval by the Minister for the Environment and Water before it can proceed.

I have carefully considered all public submissions and available relevant information concerning the potential for the proposed action to have a significant impact on the matters protected by the EPBC Act. In particular, I examined the available information in regard to potential impacts on the *Littoral Rainforest and Coastal Vine Thickets of Eastern Australia* threatened ecological community. I have concluded that significant impacts on this matter and the other matters protected by the EPBC Act are not likely.

For these reasons, further assessment under the EPBC Act is not required. A copy of the document recording this decision is attached. I have written separately to Mr Chyra.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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