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Attention: Lisa Kennedy

Dear Lisa

Badgee Deferred Area

I refer to the Gateway determination for Planning Proposal (PP) [PP_2014_SHOAL_001_00] Badgee Deferred Area and letter from the Department dated 7 September 2017, which provided a determination extension until 22 March 2018. The purpose of this letter is to seek a revised Gateway determination and an additional 12 month extension to this timeframe to enable completion of the PP.

You may be aware that Lucas Property Group have entered into a formal joint venture with Sheargold Group, who have expressed a strong commitment to proceed with the PP. Several draft briefs have been submitted to Council with regard to ecology, water quality and geotechnical assessments. These briefs have identified the need to undertake additional survey work, with some ecology surveys likely to be time consuming and subject to seasonal delays. In addition, the proponents are also assessing the impact of the recently commenced *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, which provides alternative assessment pathways and strategies for progressing these surveys.

As such, further time is required to undertake comprehensive ecological surveys and environmental assessments in line with the new legislative requirements.

If you need further information about this matter, please contact Kristy O'Sullivan, Planning Environment & Development Group on (02) 4429 3511. Please quote Council's reference 47611E (D18/92491).

Yours faithfully



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