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By email:

Dear Ms Dumbrell

Thank you for providing the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) with a copy of the Marsden Jacob Associates June 2024 report on the Assurance Audit of the Biodiversity Conservation Fund Change System.

The BCT provided information to Marsden Jacob Associates to support the audit and thanks them for their efforts in assisting to assure the integrity and accuracy of the data and processes associated with the BCF Charge System.

The BCT accepts the findings of the audit. We are pleased to note the report found the BCT's application of the Charge System to be compliant with the requirements of the *Biodiversity Offsets Payment Calculator Order* 2022.

The BCT notes the recommendations to improve processes. The BCT will address the first recommendation about reviewing the BOPC Order through a scheduled review as outlined under the BCT's <u>Framework for updating the Biodiversity Offset Payment Calculator</u>. The BCT will address the second and third recommendations prior to the next update of data used in the BCF Charge System.

Please contact me if you have any further questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Mick O'Flynn **Director Programs**

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