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Dear Mr Goddard

**Proposed Alternative Offset Arrangement: Mount Buller Sustainable Water Security, Off-stream Storage (Buller Dam)**

Thank you for your request seeking approval of an alternative offset arrangement to satisfy some of the offset requirements for the proposed Buller Dam. Your proposal seeks to extend mapped habitat for Green Billy-buttons, Mossy Knawel, Planarian, Sticky Fleabane, and Fog Club-sedge at the proposed offset site on Mount Stirling.

DELWP agrees that the Offset site includes habitat with characteristics that match the habitat requirements for the five species. The habitat identified at the offset site is sufficient to meet the offset requirements for those species, noting that some additional Specific biodiversity equivalence units are still required for Fog Club-sedge. It is noted though that this species is widely distributed, often colonising disturbed areas. It is suggested that further survey work be completed in spring as this may negate the need for purchasing additional units.

This letter confirms that the proposed offset site on Mount Stirling can be used as an alternative specific offset to satisfy to offset the Buller dam, as detailed in the alternative offset strategy (except for some units for Fog Club-sedge). The offset site must be secured in accordance with the offset eligibility criteria and Crown land offset standards.

This approval is only for the alternative offset arrangement, the overall offset strategy for the Buller dam must be approved separately, and must contain this approval.

Please contact Mark Chisholm, Native Vegetation Regulation, by phone on 03 9637 8466 or by email at [mark.chisholm@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:mark.chisholm@delwp.vic.gov.au) if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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