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Dear Ms Mercer

Thank you for your recent correspondence seeking an additional extension of time to commence and complete construction of the American River Tourist Resort, which was previously approved under the Major Development process of the now-repealed *Development Act 1993*. I note this proposal was originally authorised in the *Government Gazette* dated 27 January 2017, reauthorised in the *Government Gazette* dated 31 January 2019, and was further extended under delegated authority on 23 February 2022.

I acknowledge the reasons for the delay in construction and the matters to be addressed arising from the previous correspondence from the State Planning Commission (the Commission) regarding a proposed change to the approved design. A further extension of time will provide the opportunity for these to be addressed.

Pursuant to section 115(8) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, I am pleased to advise that I have approved your request for an extension of time. Accordingly, the operative date to substantially commence construction of the approved development is now 31 December 2024, with all works to be fully completed no later than 31 December 2027.

With the extension of time now provided, I encourage you to commit the necessary resources to respond to the matters raised by the Commission in a timely manner.

If substantial progress has not been made by the revised commencement date, support for any further extension of time request cannot be assumed but will need to be carefully considered against the commitments given, progress made, and procedural steps completed in respect of the current amendment process.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Simon Neldner, Team Leader – Environmental Impact Assessment, Planning and Land Use Services on (08) 7133 2376 or by email to simon.neldner@sa.gov.au.



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In closing, I wish to express my condolences on the passing of your father, Mr Paul Mercer.

Yours sincerely



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