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**Senator Ludlam asked:**

**Senator LUDLAM:** Do your approval conditions allow for land clearing to commence before you have identified and secured your offsets?

**Mr Knudson:** We do have that situation occur on occasion.

**Senator LUDLAM:** On this occasion?

**Mr Knudson:** On this occasion I am not sure that we have the information at hand and so we would have to come back on notice on that as to what the specific requirement and the condition set were.

**Answer:** No.