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Dear Iwan

Walgett Solar Farm - EIS

I refer to your email dated 1 March 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Mining (the Division) to provide comments on the Walgett Solar Farm Project (SSD 8095) DA and Environmental Impact Statement.

The Division has reviewed and assessed the adequacy of information in relation to Walgett Solar Farm Project (SSD 8095) DA and Environmental Impact Statement and provides the following advice.

The proposed solar farm site has not been identified as containing significant mineral resources, nor is it subject of current mineral, coal or petroleum titles. The Division has no resource concerns regarding the proposal at this stage.

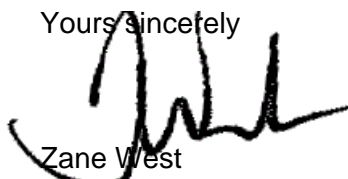
The Division acknowledges that the proposed Walgett Solar Farm aligns with Government policy to increase renewable energy generation, jobs and investment in the State.

Solar farms drive investment and growth in regional NSW and provide alternate income streams to traditional farming communities. Increasing solar energy in NSW will help the Government meet its commitment to support the national Renewable Energy Target of 33,000 gigawatt hours (GWh) by 2020.

The 30 megawatt (MW) solar farm has an estimated capital investment value of approximately \$50 million and would support up to 65 jobs during the construction period.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Adam Banister, A/Senior Advisory Officer, Royalties & Advisory Services on 02 4931 6439.

Yours sincerely



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3 April 2017