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Dear Ms Bandaruk,

Subject: Bonshaw Solar Farm SSD 9438 – Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division).

The SEARs issued for the proposal included the requirement to assess the potential impacts of the development on existing land uses on the site and adjacent lands including mining, mineral or petroleum rights. The Division specifically required the proponent to include in the EIS a title search and consult with the Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW, within the Division) regarding biodiversity offset sites.

The EIS has addressed the requirements relating to mineral resources and land use compatibility. A titles search was undertaken with results included in the EIS text, demonstrating there are no mining or exploration titles over the site.

The Division notes site-specific biodiversity offsets have not been identified at this stage and the proponent proposes to retire biodiversity credits generated by the impact of the proposal through the NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme. To ensure there is no reduction to prospective land for mineral exploration, or potential for sterilisation of mineral or extractive resources, the Division requests to be consulted on the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas both on and off site) or any supplementary biodiversity measures.

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the Division's - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Helman'.

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