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Our ref: DOC21/690126
Your ref: SSD 23515853

Emailed: via Planning portal

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Dear Ms Homsey

Subject: Armidale Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-23515853) – Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW).

MEG has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs. We request to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (both on and off site) or any supplementary biodiversity measures to ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration, or potential for sterilisation of mineral or extractive resources.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the GSNSW - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Palmer'.

Steven Palmer
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