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Our ref: RDOC22/13976
Your ref: SSD14540514

Emailed: via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Mr Robinson

Subject: Wallerawang Battery Energy Storage System (SSD14540514) – Advice on EIS

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 & Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW).

MEG-GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for Wallerawang Battery Energy Storage System and makes the following comment regarding:

- *Section 11.3.1 – Direct construction impacts* states biodiversity credits are required to offset the impacts of the development. Retirement of credits may be achieved through contribution to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund (BCF).

MEG-GSNSW request to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (should they be required) 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 MEG-GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Drummond'.

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