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Your ref: SSD-36651552
Our ref: RDOC22/19084

Emailed: via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Ms Dunn

Subject: Bendemeer Solar Farm – SSD36651552 - Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

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 has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs. We request early consultation 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 MEG-GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. J. Drummond'.

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