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Our ref: RDOC22/76121  
Your ref: SSD-10807896

Emailed: via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Mr Crinnion

**Subject:** Thunderbolt Wind Farm (SSD-10807896) – Environmental Impact Statement

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 reviewed the EIS and note within *Section 6.4.6* that the Biodiversity Offset Strategy will be further developed during the assessment process, with offsets likely to be met by a combination of options, including the establishment of new stewardship sites. MEG request to be consulted in relation to the location of any proposed stewardship sites should they be required, to ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration, or potential 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](mailto:landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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

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