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Dear Ms Homsey

Subject: Valley of the Winds Wind Farm (SSD-10461) - 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 Valley of the Winds Wind Farm and requests to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas 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 <u>landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au</u>

Yours sincerely,

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