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Your ref: SSD 23700028

Emailed: via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Mr Tsambos

Subject: Tallawang Solar Farm (SSD-23700028) – Environmental Impact Statement

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

MEG-GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Tallawang Solar Farm and notes the project site is overlapped by Exploration Licences (EL) 8405 and 8160, held by Bowden Silver. MEG-GSNSW acknowledges the EIS includes a summary of consultation that has occurred with the titles' holder.

Bowden Silver responded indicating their support for the Tallawang Solar Farm development to co-exist with the mineral exploration licenses, provided that written consent under *Section 31(1)* of the *Mining Act 1992* is provided to Bowdens Silver to conduct mineral exploration activities within the proposed site in both the planning phase of the Tallawang Solar Farm as well as throughout the project's life.

Bowden Silver notes there are areas of geological interest within the project's boundary that are overlapped by EL 8405 and EL 8160 which Bowdens Silver Pty intends to further explore.

MEG-GSNSW will continue to liaise with Bowdens and RES Australia to follow up on consultation progress.

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

Yours sincerely,

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