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Emailed: via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Mr Canon

Subject: Modification Application and Report for the New England Solar Farm (SSD-9255-Mod-2)

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 relevant documentation and has no concerns to raise. We note that a recent Exploration Licence Application 6438 was sought by LM2 Metals Pty Ltd which includes a south-west portion of the solar farm area. Exploration Licence 9415 was subsequently granted to LM2 Metals on 31st May 2022. MEG-GSNSW note that proposed exploration is in preliminary stages and recommend that the proponent should include LM2 Metals Pty Ltd in stakeholder engagements.

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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