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Via: Major Projects Portal

ADVICE RESPONSE: Armidale East BESS

Stage: Advice on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Development Application: SSD-65058714

Dear Tanya,

I refer to your correspondence dated 24 November 2023 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) (incl. the Resources Regulator) to provide comments on the Armidale East BESS (the Project) submitted by FRV Services Australia (the Proponent).

MEG has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project and advises that MEG has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs.

MEG notes that the proposed Armidale East BESS project area adjoins the Metz Solar Project (SSD-7931) which was approved on 18 July 2017.

MEG also notes that the proposed Armidale East BESS project area is overlapped by Exploration Licence (EL) 9053 held by Kooky Resources Pty Ltd. MEG requires early engagement with EL holders so potential land use conflict may be avoided.

Further information relating to mineral titles can be found on MEG's online mapping application 'Minview' at <https://minview.geoscience.nsw.gov.au>. MEG can assist with title holder contact details if required.

For further advice on this matter, please contact Giselle Carney, Senior Advisory Officer, Industry Advisory & Mining Concierge unit - Industry Development branch on 02 9228 6187 or mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



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