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Our ref: DOC20/640971

Your ref: SSD-8482905

Emailed: via planning portal

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Dear Sally

Subject: Moama Ethanol Plant (SSD-8482905) – Request for Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

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 and Geoscience (MEG).

MEG is responsible for providing strategic advice relating to the current and potential future uses of land in NSW pursuant to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 and the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. Our role is to ensure that proposals do not unnecessarily preclude access to known resources or exploration for future resource discovery and extraction. MEG will also assess the application with respect to biodiversity offset considerations.

MEG requests the following project-specific requirements to be addressed in the EIS:

- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must include a dated mineral, coal and petroleum titles and applications search through the MEG MinView application, with results shown on a map(s) including the location and extent of the project site. Current mining and exploration titles and applications can be viewed at:
<http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-andexplorers/geoscienceinformation/services/online-services/minview>.
- The proponent must consult with all affected title holders. This should include a letter of notification of the proposal to the title holders including a map indicating the Ethanol Plant proposal area in relation to the title boundaries.
- MEG specifically requires the proponent to check for new mineral and energy titles that may be granted in the vicinity of the subject site during all decision-making stages of the project to ensure that other stakeholders (such as title holders) with interest in the area are aware of the Ethanol Plant project.
- MEG requests to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (both on and off site) 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.



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Palmer'.

Steven Palmer

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Geological Survey of NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience.