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Dear Ms Patterson,

Subject: Quorn Park Solar Farm SSD 9097 – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience.

The SEARs issued for the proposal required the proponent to consider the compatibility of the proposal with current land uses including operating mines, extractive industries, mineral or petroleum resources or exploration activities and consult with affected exploration licence holders, quarry operators and mineral title holders.

The Division's SEARs advice (DOC18/3743) noted that the area is considered highly prospective for precious and base metal deposits. The Division required the proponent to include in the EIS a map showing the proposal area in relation to affected exploration licences and check for new mineral or energy titles during all decision-making stages of the project. Specifically, consult with the titleholders of Exploration Licence (EL) 7676 (Modeling Resources Pty Ltd) and EL5323 (CMOC Mining Limited) and include evidence in the EIS.

The EIS includes a map showing the project boundary in relation to EL7676 and EL5323. The Division acknowledges that the proponent has attempted to consult with the title holders, however limited evidence is included in the EIS. The proponent should consult with Modeling Resources Pty Ltd and CMOC Mining Limited and or provide evidence of authentic consultation to the Division.

The Division advises for information that Exploration Licence Application (ELA) 5870 lodged by Omya Australia Pty Limited is coincidental with the majority of the proposal area.

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the Division's Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Helman'.

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