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Via: Major Projects Portal

ADVICE RESPONSE: Junction Rivers Wind Farm (formerly Burrawong Wind Farm)

Stage: Advice on Environmental Impact Statement

Development Application: SSD-30448824

Dear Tatsiana,

I refer to your correspondence dated 11 July 2024 inviting the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - NSW Resources to provide comments on the Junction Rivers Wind Farm (formerly Burrawong Wind Farm) (the Project) submitted by Junction Rivers Pty Ltd (the Proponent).

NSW Resources has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project and provides the following advice:

NSW Resources notes the project area previously overlapped by Exploration Licence (EL) 7626 held by Iluka Resources Limited. NSW Resources understands that Iluka have relinquished the part of EL 7626 that was impacted by the wind farm development.

NSW Resources acknowledges the consultation that has occurred with division to date, however no detail of consultation with Iluka has been recorded in the EIS. The proponent should ideally provide details and outcomes of consultation that has occurred with Iluka (if considered confidential this can be provided to NSW Resources separately).

NSW Resources provided advice for the original SEARs in late 2021, several changes to the mineral title's situation have occurred since that time including EL 9097 that was held by Viewmont Gold Pty Ltd for Group 1 minerals has expired and EL 9604 has been granted to Murray Basin Critical Minerals Pty Ltd for Group 10 minerals (mineral sands). EL 9604 is now impacted by the proposed wind farm.

NSW Resources recommends engagement with Murray Basin Critical Minerals Pty Ltd to determine their interest and any plans for exploration activities in the area.

For further advice on this matter, please contact Sarah Maiorana, Project Officer, Industry Advisory & Mining Concierge unit - Industry Development branch on 02 4063 6860 or mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au .

Sincerely



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