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Our ref: RDOC22/194835
Your ref: SSD-48160216

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Dear Ms Dunn

Subject: Maison Dieu Solar Farm (SSD-48160216) - Request for Secretary's Environmental Requirements (SEARs)

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 no additional requirements to those in the Draft SEARs.

MEG-GSNSW notes however that the entire proposed solar farm project area is covered by coal Assessment Lease (AL) 34 held by Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd and Anotero Pty Limited. MEG-GSNSW also notes that the applicant has initiated consultation with Hunter Valley Operations (HVO) where concerns were raised by HVO in relation to the potential sterilisation of future coal resources. MEG-GSNSW holds similar concerns in regard to the project and potential resource sterilisation and encourages the applicant to continue further engagement with HVO.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Drummond'.

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