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Emailed: via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Ms Green

**Subject**: Mallee Wind Farm (SSD-53293710) – Secretary's Environmental Assessment 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 reviewed the scoping report for Mallee Wind Farm and has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs.

MEG-GSNSW notes that the project footprint is intersected by Exploration Licence (EL) 9459 held by Minex CRC Ltd and EL 9380 (small overlap only) and Assessment Lease (AL) 24 held by Iluka Resources Limited. Iluka have also applied for a further exploration licence - Exploration Licence Application (ELA) 6266 which also intersects the project area.

MEG-GSNSW acknowledges the proponent (states) that consultation has commenced with mineral title holders/applicants and strongly recommends that consultation continues throughout the development of the EIS.

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

Yours sincerely,

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