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Dear Mr Wathen

Subject: Yarrabin Pumped Hydro (SSD-59906734) – Draft 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 and notes Exploration Licence (EL) 9375 held by Burrendong Resources Pty Ltd is overlapped by significant infrastructure associated with the project including the proposed water bodies, powerhouse, pipelines, tunnels etc. MEG-GSNSW note Table 6.7 of the report states “*it is understood that Burrendong Resources Pty Ltd (operating as Burrendong Minerals Ltd) intends to mine for gold in areas west of the site*”.

The proponent should commit (as required by the SEARs) to engaging with Burrendong Resources throughout the project’s development. Consultation should also include other adjacent mineral stakeholders potentially impacted by any component of the project, including:

- EL9032 held by Orange Minerals (NSW) Pty Ltd – overlaps access road study area.
- EL8491 held by Jonathan Charles, Downs - overlaps transmission line study area.
- EL8901 held by Godolphin Tenements Pty Ltd – overlaps transmission line study area.

MEG-GSNSW has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs.

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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