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Via: Major Projects Portal

ADVICE RESPONSE: Ben Bullen Wind Farm & Battery Energy Storage System

Stage: Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Development Application: SSD-79294216

Dear Lauren

I refer to your correspondence dated 16 January 2025 inviting the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - NSW Resources to provide comments on the Ben Bullen Wind Farm & Battery Energy Storage System (the Project) submitted by Tetris Energy Pty Ltd (the Proponent).

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

NSW Resources note that much of the western half of the proposed project site is prospective for a variety of mineralisation styles including orogenic gold and volcanogenic-associated massive sulphide mineralisation. This area is covered by Exploration Licence (EL) 8953 held by Newmont Exploration Holdings Pty Ltd.

A smaller eastern portion of the proposed project site is underlain by coal measures belonging to the Western Coalfield of NSW and this area is overlapped by EL 8619 held by Shoalhaven Coal Pty Ltd.

NSW Resources recommends early consultation with the holders/operators of both exploration licences that are impacted by the proposal, to ensure valuable potential mineral resources are not sterilised by the proposed project and to avoid potential land use conflict.

NSW Resources has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs and advises the Proponent to actively monitor the MinView map viewer at <https://minview.geoscience.nsw.gov.au> for mining title changes that may interact with this Project. NSW Resources can assist with title holder contact details when required.

For further advice on this matter, please contact Pamela Gould, GIS & Coordination Officer, Industry Advisory and Mining Concierge unit - Industry Development branch on 02 4063 6860 or mining.concierge@dpird.nsw.gov.au .

Sincerely

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