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Dear Ms Dunn

Subject: Jindera Solar Farm SSD-9549 - EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division).

The Division previously provided advice into the SEARs (Ref DOC18/623723) issued for the proposal which included the request for consultation during the preparation of the EIS with exploration licence holders, quarry operators and mineral title holders. The Division also requested consultation regarding any biodiversity offset sites. The EIS acknowledges and reports on the Division's requirement for consultation with Exploration Licence (EL) 8467 holder Minerals Australia Pty Ltd.

Regarding biodiversity, the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report advises that the Proponent has generated Ecosystem Credits within the development site that will be retired under the Biodiversity Offset Scheme to help meet biodiversity impacts associated with the project. The Division requests it be consulted should changes be made to the proponent's Biodiversity Offset arrangements.

The Division has no further issues to raise.

Queries regarding the above should be directed to the Division's - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Palmer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Palmer'.

Manager, Land Use Assessment

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