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Emailed: [Michael.Themis@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Michael.Themis@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Mr Themis,

**Re: West Wyalong Solar Farm Project (SSD 9504) – Environmental Impact Statement**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Wyalong Solar Farm Project (SSD 9504). This is a response from the Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division).

The EIS includes maps showing the project boundary in relation to Exploration Licence (EL) 7750 held by Evolution Mining (Cowel) Pty Limited (see Figure 24 on p61; Figure 39 on p106) and identifies the project area is not subject to any other coal, petroleum or mineral titles, licences and applications or operating mines or quarries.

The Division acknowledges consultation undertaken with numerous quarry operators and mineral title holders in the vicinity of the Project area. However, The Division specifically required the proponent to consult with Evolution Mining (Cowel) Pty Limited, title holder for Exploration Licence (EL) 7750 and provide evidence of consultation in the EIS.

The Division is not satisfied with the level of consultation with Evolution Mining (Cowel) Pty Limited and notes the proponent considers no further engagement is required (see page 4 of Appendix P).

The proponent must consult with Evolution Mining (Cowel) Pty Limited and provide evidence of authentic consultation to the Division. This should include a letter of notification of the proposal to the title holder including a map indicating the solar farm proposal area (including associated electricity transmission infrastructure) in relation to the exploration licence boundaries, a letter of response from the titleholder to the proponent. **If a response is not received from the titleholder, the proponent is to contact the Division.**

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at [landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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