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Dear Ms Homsey

Re: Flyers Creek Wind Farm MOD 4 (08_0252) - EA Exhibition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Flyers Creek Wind Farm MOD 4 (08_0252). This is a response from the Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (DRG).

DRG have previously raised the issue of the need for consultation with identified mineral titleholders and the Division.

DRG are satisfied that authentic consultation has been undertaken by the proponent with Newcrest Mining Limited, and requests that further liaison between the parties is conducted to resolve any issues identified in relation to coexistence and land use compatibility.

The Division notes that prior to commencement of construction, Flyers Creek Wind Farm propose to calculate the biodiversity offset credit liability in accordance with the *NSW Biodiversity Offset Policy for Major Projects*.

DRG request to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (both on and off site) or any supplementary biodiversity measures to ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration, or potential for sterilisation of mineral or extractive resources.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the Geological Survey of NSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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