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Dear Elle

Coleambally Solar Farm (SSD 8208)
Environmental Impact Statement Exhibition

I refer to your email dated 4 May 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (DRG) to provide comments on the Coleambally Solar Farm Project (SSD 8208) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Exhibition submitted by Neoen Australia Pty Limited (the Proponent).

DRG has reviewed adequacy of information provided in relation to the abovementioned application and provides the following advice.

DRG has reviewed the EIS and is satisfied that the Proponent has considered the potential impacts the proposal may have upon mineral, energy and construction material resources and exploration activities in the vicinity of the project site. It is noted that the record of consultation with Murrumbidgee Council has been included in the EIS as requested.

DRG supports the proposed Coleambally Solar Farm as it aligns with Government policy to increase renewable energy generation, jobs and investment in the State. Specifically, the proposal is aligned to the State's NSW Renewable Energy Action Plan, and would deliver positive social aspects, drive investment and growth in regional NSW and provide alternate income streams. Increasing solar energy in NSW will assist the Government in meeting its commitment to support the national Renewable Energy Target of 33,000 gigawatt hours (GWh) by 2020.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact:
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Yours sincerely

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