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Your Reference: SSD 8436
Our Reference: OUT17/49478

Emailed: Anthony.ko@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Ko,

Re: Tarleigh Park Solar Farm Project SSD 8436– Environmental Impact Statement

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

GSNSW required the proponent to check for any new mineral or energy titles within the vicinity of the Project, undertake consultation with any affected titles holders and quarry operators throughout the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and include a map indicating the Project area showing proposed infrastructure as well as any relevant information for the Project. GSNSW notes that our letter in response to the request for input into the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) (Our ref: OUT17/20484) is not included in Attachment 2 of Appendix A.

The proponent has addressed mining, exploration and minerals in the EIS, and has reviewed the DRG online MinView and Common Ground Viewer, successfully identifying that there are no exploration or mining titles or application indicated over or in the vicinity of the Project site (Refer to page 44 and of EIS). Indicative plans and drawings of infrastructure components were provided Appendix B of the EIS.

The proponent states that a requirement of DRG was to "*Consult with Edward River Council and South Deni Concrete regarding potential impacts on the operation and expansion of the quarries near the site. Provide evidence of notification to Council and South Deni Concrete including a map indicating the solar farm proposal area and any evidence of responses*" (Refer to Table 6-2 Agency Consultation summary, page 58 of EIS). No evidence of notification of the Project proposal or record of consultation with Council addressing these requirements is contained within the EIS.

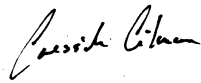
GSNSW notes the proponent states that they have made attempts to contact South Deni Concrete in relation to the Project (Refer to page 55 of EIS) however, no evidence of notification of the Project proposal or record of consultation is contained within the EIS.

In order to satisfy DRGs specific SEARs for the Tarleigh Park Solar Farm Project, DRG requires the proponent to provide evidence of notification to Council and South Deni Concrete regarding the potential impacts on the operation and expansion of the quarries near the Project site and include a record of consultation including any issues raised and how these issues have been addressed.

Should biodiversity offsets be considered for this project, GSNSW requests consultation to ensure there are no potential sterilisation impacts to resources.

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

Cressida Gilmore
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