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Your Reference: SSD 8437  
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Dear Mr Stuckey,

**Re: Currawarra Solar Farm SSD 8437 Review of 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 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.

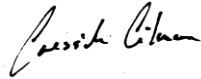
The proponent has addressed mining, exploration and minerals in the EIS, and has reviewed the DRG online MinView and Common Ground Viewer, successfully identifying that there are no exploration or mining titles or application indicated over or in the vicinity of the Project site (Refer to page 48 of 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 62 of EIS). DRG did not have any specific requirement for the proponent to consult with South Deni Concrete. Further, no evidence of consultation with Council or affected quarry operators addressing these considerations is contained within the EIS. GSNSW notes that

the above was requested for another solar farm proposal which is currently in the planning assessment system associated with the same proponent (Tarleigh Park).

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](mailto: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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