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Your Reference: SSD 8803
Our Reference: OUT17/49828

Emailed: Rose-Anne.Hawkeswood@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Hawkeswood,

Re: Jemalong Photovoltaic Solar Farm SSD 8803 – 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 specific requirements for the Jemalong Photovoltaic Solar Farm Project (SSD 8803) required the proponent to include in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) a dated mining and exploration title and application search referencing DRGs MinView databases.

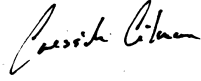
The proponent has addressed mining, exploration and minerals in the EIS, and has reviewed DRG online MinView database and Common Ground Viewer, successfully identifying that there are no mining or exploration titles or application indicated over or in the vicinity of the Project site (Refer to page 61 of the EIS).

GSNSW notes that an assessment of current available data confirms that at this stage of the Project, there are no current mineral, coal or petroleum titles or applications, or extractive industries in the vicinity of the project site. Accordingly, GSNSW are satisfied the proponent has addressed the Divisions specific requirements and have no resource sterilisation concerns with the Project at this stage.

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
Manager - Land Use