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Your Reference: SSD 8825  
Our Reference: OUT18/7035

Dear Ms King

**Re: Gregadoo Solar Farm Project – SSD 8825 -  
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by NGH Environmental Pty Ltd and dated 13 April 2018 on behalf of the proponent Gregadoo Solar Farm Pty Ltd for the Gregadoo Solar Farm Project (SSD 8825). This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (DRG), Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

GSNSW specific requirements for the Gregadoo Solar Farm Project (SSD 8825) required the proponent to include in the EIS a mining and exploration title and applications search referencing DRG's MinView database, with result to be shown on a map(s). Further, the SEARs required to proponent to identify any operating mines, extractive industries, mineral or petroleum resources and exploration activities on the site or adjacent lands. The Division requested to be consulted in relation to any proposed biodiversity offsets or supplementary biodiversity measures.

GSNSW has reviewed the EIS for the Project and acknowledges that the proponent has identified that there are "...no current mining exploration licences over the site.... Impact on mining would be negligible (see section 6.4.2 – Potential impacts on page 1.4 of EIS). The proponent has referenced the MinView database and states it was accessed March 2018, however references The Department of Trade and Investment (see 10 References on page A-III of EIS).

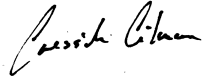
GSNSW notes that an assessment of currently available data confirms that at this stage of the project, there are no current mineral, coal or petroleum titles or applications, or extractive industries in the vicinity of the proposal site. Accordingly, GSNSW have no resource sterilisation concerns at this stage of the project.

GSNSW notes that ecosystem and species credits have been generated as a result of the environmental impacts of the project, with several options for the retirement of these credits proposed (see page 76 of EIS).

The proponent should consult with GSNSW in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas 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 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](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.

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