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Dear Ms Homsey

## Re: Suntop Solar Farm (SSD 8696) – EIS Exhibition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Suntop Solar Farm (SSD 8696). This is a response from the Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

The EIS has addressed all GSNSW requirements regarding the assessment of land use compatibility with operating mines, extractive industries (quarries), mineral, coal or petroleum resources and exploration activities. Mineral titles over the site have been identified and considered, and consultation with the affected titleholder has been adequately undertaken and recorded in the EIS.

GSNSW note Suntop Solar Farm propose to acquit the liability of 47.75 credits by making a lump sum payment of equivalent value to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust Fund.

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 <u>landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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