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Emailed: jack.murphy@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Murphy,

Re: Sebastopol Solar Farm (SSD9098) – EIS exhibition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement - Sebastopol Solar Farm (September 2018) for the Sebastopol Solar Farm proposal (SSD 9098). This is a response from the Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division).

The Division's specific requirements for the Sebastopol Solar Farm (SSD 9098) required the proponent to include an assessment of the development's compatibility with existing land uses on the site and adjacent land including operating mines, extractive industries, mineral or petroleum resources and exploration activities. Furthermore, the SEARs also included a requirement for consultation with exploration licence holders, quarry operators and mineral title holders. The Division indicated that the proposal area is considered prospective for gold and base metal mineralisation.

The EIS for the Sebastopol Solar Farm includes a dated and referenced search of the Department's MinView and Common Ground websites, with a record of consultation with the titleholder of EL8465 Emmerson Resources (on behalf of Lachlan Resources Pty Ltd) provided in Appendix C1, stating there are no deemed impacts on current or future exploration activities.

The EIS also notes there are no operating quarries or mines in the vicinity of the proposal.

The Division is satisfied requirements relating to the consideration of mineral resources have been adequately addressed and has no further issues to raise with the proposal.



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Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the Division of Resources & Geoscience - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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