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Dear Ms Bandaruk

Re: Orange Grove Solar Farm (SSD 8882) – EIS Exhibition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Orange Grove Solar Farm (SSD 8882). 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. Coal and petroleum titles over the site have been identified and considered, and consultation with titleholders has been adequately undertaken and recorded in the EIS.

GSNSW note no biodiversity offsets are required for the project.

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@industry.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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