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Your Reference: SSI 9816 Our Reference: DOC19/155559

Dear Mr Stuckey,

Re: Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion Project (SSI 9816) - EIS Exhibition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion Project within the Shoalhaven LGA. As the study area does not preclude access to known resources or exploration for future resource discovery and extraction, and there are no intended biodiversity offsets for the project, GSNSW has no concerns or issues to raise in relation to resource sterilisation at this stage.

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, 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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