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Dear Ms Symington

Gunnedah Waste Facility (SSD-8530563) - Exhibition

Thank you for your e-mail dated 15 December 2020 to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (formerly the Office of Environment and Heritage) inviting comments on the exhibited environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Gunnedah Waste Facility (SSD-8530563).

BCS note that a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) waiver was issued for this project on 13 August 2020. BCS have reviewed the exhibited EIS against the documents provided as part of the waiver application. BCS acknowledge that the footprint for the proposed development presented in the EIS is the same as what was assessed for the waiver.

BCS have no specific comments on the exhibited EIS.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Michelle Howarth, A/Senior Team Leader Planning North West, via michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6883 5339.

Yours sincerely

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