

## **DIVISION OF RESOURCES & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE**

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Dear Bianca

**Project: Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion**  
**Stage: Advice on Environmental Impact Statement**  
**Development Application: SSD-9418**

I refer to your correspondence dated 20 November 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience to provide comments on the Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion (the Project).

The Division has no resource sterilisation issues with the Project as it currently stands at the time of this assessment and is satisfied with the information presented in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Division requests that the proponent consider potential resource sterilisation should any future biodiversity offset areas be considered/required. The proponent must consult with the Division's Land Use Assessment team and any holders of existing mining or exploration authorities that could be potentially affected by the proposed creation of any such biodiversity offsets, prior to creation occurring. This will ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration or potential for the sterilisation of mineral and extractive resources.

The Division requests to review the draft conditions of approval before finalisation and any granting of development consent.

For further enquiries and advice in relation to this matter, please contact Adam W. Banister, Senior Advisor - Assessment Coordination Unit – Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6534 or [assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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