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**Subject:** Liddell Battery and Bayswater Ancillary Works Project SSD-8889679 – EIS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW).

MEG is responsible for providing strategic advice relating to the current and potential future uses of land in NSW pursuant to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007* and the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. Our role is to ensure that proposals do not unnecessarily preclude access to known resources or exploration for future resource discovery and extraction. MEG will also assess the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in respect to biodiversity offset considerations.

MEG has reviewed the EIS (dated March 2021) and note that Appendix E - BDAR, advises that offsets will be required, with the Biodiversity Offset Strategy likely to use various options to retire biodiversity credits during each stage of the project. MEG would appreciate the opportunity for early consultation in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas or any supplementary biodiversity measures to ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration, or potential for sterilisation of mineral or extractive resources.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the MEG - Land Use team at [landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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