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Department of Planning Industry and Environment Attention Philip Nevill

By email: philip.nevill@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Nevill

Response to Submissions Report and Amendment Report for the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project - State Significant Development (SSD-10269)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 02 June 2021 about the Response to Submissions Report for the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

DPI Agriculture's comment during submissions, raising the issue of agricultural land being used as a biodiversity offset has not been adequately responded to. DPI requests, that if approved, DPIE – Planning includes a condition of consent that prevents biodiversity offsets being located on BSAL.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please contact Andrew Scott, Agricultural Land Use Planning Officer, by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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