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Your ref: SSD-15950052

Emailed: via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Mr Robinson

Subject: Eraring Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - 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 NSW (GSNSW).

MEG-GSNSW previously provided advice on the SEARs in April 2021 (Our ref DOC21/247752) when we advised we had no additional requirements to the standard SEARs and made comment requesting locations for potential offset areas.

MEG-GSNSW has reviewed the EIS and note that *Section 5.4* advises that consultation has occurred with the title holder of Consolidated Coal Lease (CCL) 762, held by Centennial Coal.

Appendix - E - BDAR indicates biodiversity credits are required to offset the impacts of the development. We understand credits may be achieved through several mechanisms and we request to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (should they be required) 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-GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Drummond'.

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