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Dear Mandana

Subject: Bayswater Power Station Upgrade – SSD 9697 – Advice on EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Bayswater Power Station Upgrade (SSD 9697). This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW).

Our ref: DOC20/576430

Your ref: SSD-9697

GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the Bayswater Power Station Upgrade (the project) and notes that AGL has attempted to consult with relevant coal title holders.

On 9 April 2020, GSNSW received a project update email from the proponent regarding Biodiversity Offsets, stating the project has been referred to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE). DAWE is likely to classify the project as a controlled action therefore requiring biodiversity offsets. GSNSW acknowledges the proponent will provide more detail to GSNSW as it becomes available on the required offsets and their location.

GSNSW has no other issues or concerns to raise.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the GSNSW - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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