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Dear Lander

Subject: Yarren Hut Solar Farm (SSD-10415) - Advice on 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 & Geoscience (MEG).

Our ref: DOC20/719743

Your ref: SSD-10415

MEG has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the Yarren Hut Solar Farm and notes on page 164, a total of 2 ecosystem credits are required to offset the residual impacts of the project. We request to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (both on and off site) 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 GSNSW - Land Use team at <a href="mailto:landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au">landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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