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Your Reference: SSD 6335  
Our Reference: DOC18/412054

Dear Ms Patterson

**Re: Sutton Forest Sand Quarry (SSD 6335)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for Sutton Forest Quarry and is satisfied with the resource assessment.

GSNSW notes that Exploration Licence (EL) 8370 held by ABX2 Pty Ltd for Group 2 minerals overlies the proposed quarry site. The proponent should consult with the licence holder in relation to any potential impacts the project may have upon planned exploration activities in the area.

GSNSW has also reviewed the proposed biodiversity offset areas and notes that there is an Exploration Licence Application (ELA) lodged by The Austral Brick Co Pty Ltd for Group 5 minerals overlying the proposed western (offsite) biodiversity offset area.

Biodiversity offsets have the potential to restrict access to or permanently sterilise land for mineral exploration. GSNSW are providing this advice to make the proponent aware that there are other potential stakeholders with interests in the area.

**Geoscience Information Services**

The GSNSW has a range of online data related to mineral exploration, land use and general geoscience topics:

<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

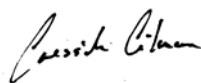
The location of current exploration and mining titles in NSW, explanations of mining and production titles and the roles of community and government in the decision making process for mining/resource projects may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

<http://commonground.nsw.gov.au>

<https://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/geoscience-information/services/online-services/minview>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at [landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

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