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Via: Major Projects Portal

ADVICE RESPONSE: Aquila Wind Farm

Stage: Advice on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Development Application: SSD- 67667971

Dear Ms Tsanidis,

I refer to your correspondence dated 15 February 2024 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the Aquila Wind Farm (the Project) submitted by ACEN Australia (the Proponent).

MEG has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project/Modification and provides the following advice:

MEG has no additional requirements to those in the draft SEARs.

MEG notes the project area is prospective for Group 1 minerals (gold copper, base metals etc) and is overlapped by Exploration Licence (EL) No. 8491 held by Johnathon Charles Downs and EL 8901 held by Godolphin Tenements Pty Ltd. MEG further advises EL 8704 was relinquished in March 2023.

MEG acknowledges the proponent's intention for consultation with affected exploration licence holders during preparation of the EIS (as required by the draft SEARs). To minimise potential land use conflict MEG recommends early consultation with affected title holders.

Current mining and exploration titles and applications can be viewed through the Departments MinView map viewer at <https://minview.geoscience.nsw.gov.au>. MEG can assist with title holder contact details if required.

For further advice on this matter, please contact Sarah Maiorana, Project Officer, Industry Advisory & Mining Concierge unit - Industry Development branch on 02 4063 6860 or mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely

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