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MAAG0014844, PEL 1 AIS Assessment, Gunnedah Shire Council

Dear Ms Meyer,

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 September 2022 and the opportunity to provide comment on comment as part of the Part 5 Approval under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to undertake seismic exploration within PEL 1 in the Gunnedah local government area.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department of Primary Industries has reviewed the Review of Environmental Factors and the AIS. Based on this information it is unlikely to impact on significant agricultural resources and industries and that any potential impacts can be managed as part of routine operations.

Assessment conditions are included in Attachment 1 enclosed.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me [REDACTED] by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



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27 September 2022

Encl:

Agricultural Impact Assessment for MAAG0014844, PEL 1

Issue addressed in a Level 1 Exploration AIS		
	Issue	Response
1	Describe the nature, location, intensity and duration of the proposed exploration activity and include a map of the exploration area.	<i>Information provided</i>
2	Describe the nature and location of agricultural resources or industries with the potential to be impacted by the proposed exploration activity.	<i>Information provided</i>
3	Identify and describe the nature, duration, and consequence of any potential impacts on agricultural resources or industries.	<i>Information provided</i>
4	The mitigation measures that will be implemented to reduce or remove the potential impacts have been identified Information provided	<i>Information provided</i>
5	Information regarding how and when any disturbance resulting from the exploration activity will be rehabilitated has been provided	<i>Information provided</i>
Additional consideration for Exploration AIS		
6	Agricultural biosecurity Specific enterprise industry biosecurity plans (e.g., viticulture, cotton, equine, grains, feedlots, poultry industries) have been considered.	<i>Information provided</i>
7	Accounting for the use of water If more than 3 ML of water will be taken per year (the result of cumulative exploration activities within the exploration authority/title area)	<i>Not applicable</i>