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Submission No: 191569

Organisation:	<i>Orange Minerals (NSW) Pty Ltd</i>	Key issues: <i>Land use</i>
Location:	<i>New South Wales 2287</i>	
Submitter Type:	<i>a representative of a community group, non-government organisation, business or industry group</i>	
Attachment:	<i>Squadron Energy shapefiles and LAAs.pdf</i>	

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The proposed site will severely restrict or even block the exercise of a valid NSW Exploration Licence. Exploration Licence no 9290 was issued in January 2022 and pre-dates the SEARS for SCWF. SCWF made minimal attempts to engage with Orange Minerals until August 2023. There is no requirement for renewable proponents to hold an 'investigation permit' or similar and there is no known spatial information that provides information relating to the land affected by renewable energy project investigations.

In this case the Exploration Licence holder has been unable to negotiate exploration access with landholders who have signed an exclusive dealing agreement with Squadron Energy. Squadron Energy have further indicated that negotiations can occur once Development Consent has been received and they become 'secondary landholders' for the purpose of Exploration Land Access.



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Chief Executive Officer
Mining Exploration & Geoscience
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RE: Exploration Licence No 9290 and Spicers Creeks Wind Farm

Dear Madam

I am writing to you to request a suspension of Condition 1 – Work Program - Exploration Licence 9290 and a waiver and refund of licence fees in respect of the subject licence until such time as access to the licence area is possible.

Sections 382A and Schedule 1B Part 4 Cl 14 of the Mining Act 1992 apply to the above request.

EL 9290 was granted to Orange Minerals (NSW) Pty Ltd (OML) on 24 January 2021. The licence area is approximately 123km² and is located approximately 47km East of Dubbo.

The effect of the following events has been to block OML from exercising the rights issued under Exploration Licence No 9290.

Conflict between Exploration Licence No 9290 and Spicers Creek Wind Farm (SCWF) SSD-41134610 – Squadron Energy Pty Ltd.

Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) were issued for Spicers Creek Windfarm Project on 6 May 2022. The SEARS listed Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience as a stakeholder for 'detailed consultation'.

An email was sent to a generic OML email address on 24 March 2023. This email was not seen or responded to by OML. In July-August 2023 two way communications commenced between SCWF and OML. A first discussion meeting was convened on 31 August 2023 – one week after the public exhibition of the EIS closed for comments.

The Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment (LUCRA) for SCWF was finalised in June 2023. The LUCRA stated *'The Wind Turbine Generators associated with the Project are not permanent infrastructure and will not prevent future recovery of any viable resources in the ELs following the end of the Project host landholder agreements.'*

The current status of communications between SCWF and OML is that SCWF have advised that under the 'option to lease agreements' they have executed with host landholders, no Mineral Exploration Land Access Agreements (LAAs) can be entered into without the consent of SCWF. Further, once the wind farm reaches financial close and the leases are registered, OML would need to negotiate a Land Access Agreement with SCWF (in addition to LAAs with host landholders).

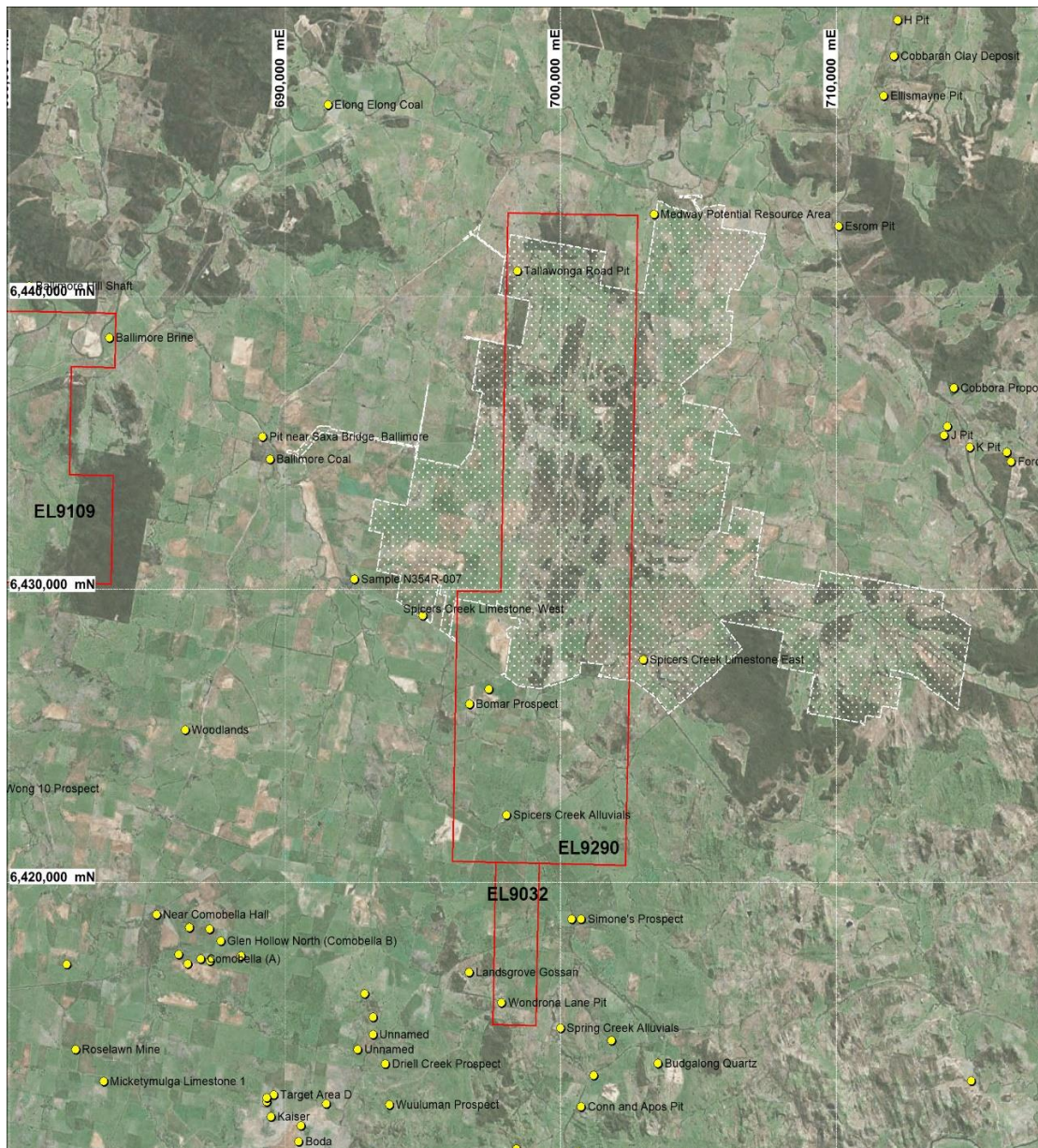
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I would be happy to provide additional information or discuss this further, if required.



Orange Minerals (NSW) Pty Ltd
9 January 2024

1. Diagram showing EL 9290 and SCWF area of conflict. SCWF area is hatched.



2. Email advising of restriction on Land Access Agreements

SCWF - Project Site boundary and Land Access Agreements

1 message

Fri, Sep 8

Hi David, Phil and Steve

Further to our meeting on 31 August, please find attached the .shp files for the overall Project Site boundary for Spicers Creek Wind Farm as per our Environmental Impact Statement. The ultimate project layout is still subject to project approval, detailed design and micro-siting.

We have reviewed both the agreements with our host landowners and also the template Land Access Agreement (LAA) on the resources regulator website at <https://meg.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Land-Access-Arrangement-Template-for-Mineral-Exploration.pdf>

Under the Option to Lease Agreements held with our host landowners, they cannot enter into a LAA with Spicers Creek Wind Farm Pty Ltd.

Further, once the wind farm reaches financial close and the leases are registered, Orange Minerals will negotiate a Land Access Agreement with Spicers Creek Wind Farm Pty Ltd (in addition to a LAA with

As discussed, we will keep you updated on the project. We would be pleased to talk further around this when you are ready.

Thanks

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FW: SCWF - EL query and submissions receipt timing

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Mon, Aug 21, 2023 at 5:26 PM

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Good afternoon Phil, Alexandra and Steve

Please find attached the email sent earlier this year to Orange Minerals offering to engage regarding the Spicers Creek Wind Farm project (SCWF).

We have since been provided your contact details via the Department of Planning & Environment.

I have also attached the email sent on 28 July which contains the relevant links to the EIS and EIS Summary.

If you would like to meet via Teams to discuss SCWF please let me know your availability.

Thanks

Trish McDonald

Squadron Energy
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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2023 05:35:03 +0000
Subject: SCWF - Exploration Licence 9290

Good afternoon

I'm writing to introduce myself and the Spicers Creek Wind Farm (SCWF) project.

The proposed SCWF is located approximately 30km northeast of Wellington NSW, in the Central West-Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWO REZ).

We are currently in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project in accordance with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) which were received on 6 May 2022.

We note that Orange Minerals (NSW) Pty Ltd holds EL9290.

Please find attached a map which shows the EL boundary in relation to SCWF. A portion of EL9290 intersects with the SCWF Project Site and proposed Development Footprint, which includes wind farm infrastructure and roads.

Our newsletters and other information is available on our website <https://cwprenewables.com/our-projects/spicers-creek-wind-farm>

Further information about the CWO REZ is available at <https://www.energyco.nsw.gov.au/renewable-energy-zones/centralwest-orana-renewable-energy-zone>

I'd be happy to arrange a Teams meeting with you to discuss the project further and to understand more about Orange Minerals' work under the EL and future plans.

Kind regards

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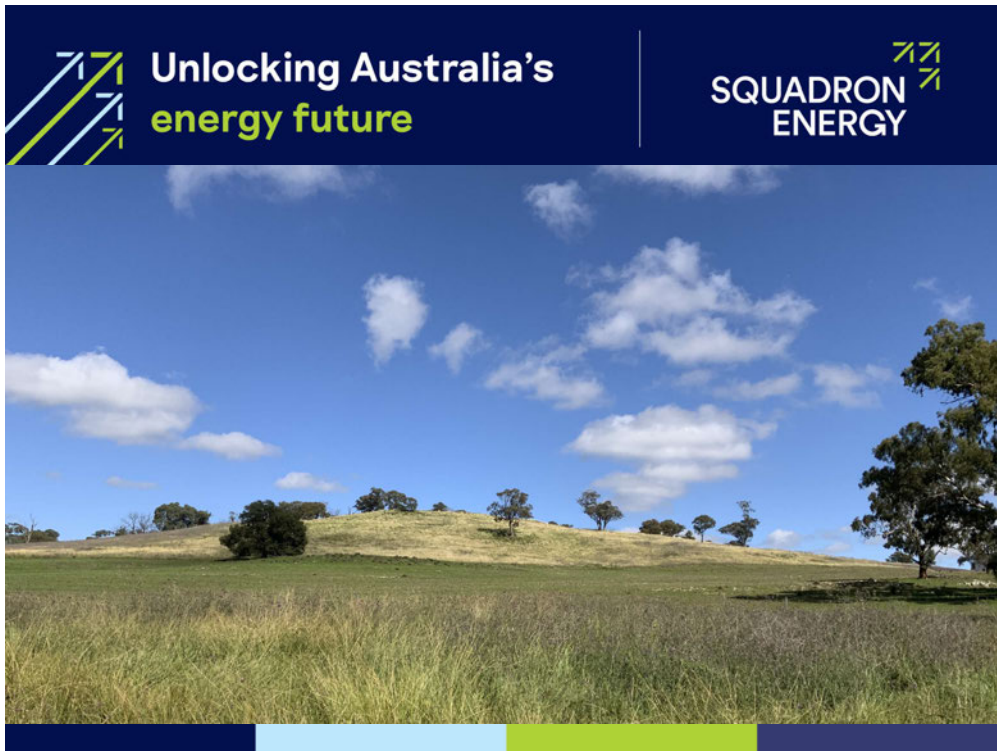
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Spicers Creek Wind Farm

Project Update - July 2023

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now on public exhibition

Squadron Energy is pleased to announce that the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has placed the Spicers Creek Wind Farm EIS on public exhibition.

Community members and key stakeholders are now invited to view the EIS and associated technical studies and have their say. Feedback will be considered by DPE when assessing the Project.

The EIS follows a detailed planning and design process, extensive community engagement and environmental studies. It will be on exhibition until 24 August 2023.

We understand the EIS is a large technical document. To assist readers, a **EIS Summary** has been prepared to provide a concise description of key Project information and findings of the EIS.

EIS Summary

Spicers Creek Wind Farm is being assessed as a State Significant Development under Part 4 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

To view the full EIS, including technical assessments, or to make a submission, visit the **Major Project Planning Portal**.

Major Projects Planning Portal

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Trish McDonald – Senior Project Manager


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-  **SCWF - Exploration Licence 9290.eml**
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-  **Spicers Creek Wind Farm Project Update - July 2023.eml**
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