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Dear Mr Beckett

**RE: State Significant Project – Comment Environmental Impact Statement – Silverleaf Solar Farm (SSD-9358) (Narrabri Shire)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Silverleaf Solar Farm, SSD-9358, Narrabri Shire.

Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement concentrating on visual impact, water quality, noise, waste management and air quality.

The comments provided are contingent on confirmation by the NSW EPA that the methods employed to assess visual impact, water quality, noise and air quality are appropriate and should be considered in light of any methodological issues identified by the NSW EPA.

**Water quality**

The EIS indicates that construction water will be sourced from rainwater. All water requirements beyond what can be supplied by site water harvesting would be sourced from a town supply such as Narrabri (under a commercial arrangement) and would be trucked to site. The selected option for the provision of a private potable water supply is likely to require a Quality Assurance Program in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act 2010. The proponent is encouraged to contact Hunter New England Local Health District with respect to developing a Quality Assurance Program and water carter registration. Additional information can also be accessed through the NSW Health website via the following link:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/private-supplies.aspx>

**Noise and vibration**

The EIS proposes a Noise Management Plan as part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) that will be required as part of any permit. The proponent has provided noise modelling predictions and proposed noise monitoring and mitigation measures. Ongoing noise assessments will be undertaken in accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guideline

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