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Resource and Energy Assessments
NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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Dear Ms Jones

**Darlington Point Solar Farm (SSD 8392)
Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to the email of 17 May 2018 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries. Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The department provides the following recommendations for consideration in assessment of the proposal. Detailed comments are provided at **Attachment A**.

Recommendations prior to project approval

- Further details should be provided regarding the management of existing on site dams during construction and operation of the project. Where they are to be removed an assessment is requested of the impacts of removing the dams on aquatic habitat and the impacts of discharging water stored in the dams.
- Further details should be provided regarding the quantities, sources and security of water required during the construction and operation of the project.

Recommended conditions of approval

- That the proponent prepares a Soil and Water Management Plan as part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan in consultation with the Natural Resources Access Regulator, prior to commencement of activities.
- That the proponent undertakes a full soil survey prior to construction.
- That all underground cables and infrastructure be removed once the site is decommissioned.

Yours sincerely



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Director Cabinet and Legislation Services
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