

Our ref: SSD-29508870

Mr Cedric Berge
Development Manager
ACEN Australia
By email

11/11/2022

Subject: Birriwa Solar Farm - Response to Submissions

Dear Mr Berge

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Birriwa Solar Farm (SSD-29508870) ended on 10 November 2022.

The Department notes that advice from NSW Rural Fire Service and the Siding Spring Observatory are still outstanding and will be forwarded to you once received.

All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition can be viewed at:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/birriwa-solar-farm>.

In this regard, once you have had a chance to review the submissions, the Department would like to meet with you to discuss the issues raised.

You are requested to prepare a written response to the issues raised in the submissions, including the full range of matters and recommendations raised in the agency advice by **Tuesday 28 February 2023**. The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development Guidelines* including *Appendix C - Preparing a Submissions Report*.

Please lodge your submissions report by progressing the application on the NSW major projects planning portal <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

Note that the time between the date of this letter and the date the Planning Secretary receives your response is not included in the 'assessment period' under section 94(1) of the EP&A Regulation.

If you have any questions, please contact Karl Okorn on (02) 9995 5207 or via email at karl.okorn@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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