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Attention: Tatsiana Bandaruk

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Dear Ms Bandaruk

Wellington North Solar Plant (SSD 8898) - EIS Exhibition

I refer to your email dated 14 August 2018 to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requesting comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wellington North Solar Plant (the project). The EPA understands that the project will be assessed by the Department of Planning and Environment under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as a State Significant Development.

The EPA has considered the details provided and notes that the project incorporates the construction and operation of a 300 MW photovoltaic solar farm and associated infrastructure approximately seven (7) kilometres north east of Wellington.

The EPA notes that the project is not deemed a Scheduled Activity in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Therefore, the proponent will not be required to apply for an Environment Protection Licence for the project should planning consent be granted.

However, the EPA notes that the EIS addresses waste management issues but does not incorporate options and strategies for waste minimisation, reuse and recycling. The EIS refers to a Waste Management Plan that is to be developed. The development of the Waste Management Plan should be required prior to the commencement of construction given issues that other similar developments in the region have experienced in managing the large volume of waste that is generated during construction. Examples of problematic wastes include large quantities of packing materials such as wooden pallets, metals and plastics.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further please contact Helen Smith at the EPA's Central West Dubbo office by telephoning 02 6883 5374 or by email at central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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