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Dear Mr Ko,

**WOLLAR SOLAR PROJECT – SSD 9254**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 10 April 2019 regarding the proposed Wollar Solar Project on Maree Road, Tichular. I also refer to the EPA's letter to the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) (DOC18/222996-01, dated 13 April 2018) in relation to this same project.

Based on the information provided, and as stated in the EPA's 13 April 2018 letter, an environment protection licence with the EPA under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act) is not required as the proposal does not constitute a "scheduled" activity under the POEO Act. As the proposal is not a scheduled activity and is not being conducted by a public authority, Mid-Western Regional Council rather than the EPA, is the Appropriate Regulatory Authority (ARA) under the POEO Act.

Notwithstanding this, the EPA has reviewed the plans and documents provided and considers that the proposal should not impact on air quality or waters during construction as any impacts can be mitigated by good site control and housekeeping in accordance with relevant guidelines. Waste generated during construction (including wooden pallets, cardboard and plastic packaging and damaged photovoltaic cells) will need to be managed carefully so as not to create an unnecessary burden on local council landfills and recycling infrastructure as has been the case with other solar projects in the Central West of NSW.

The EPA notes the proponent's intention to prepare a Project Environmental Management Strategy which incorporates sub-set documents including a Construction Environmental Management Plan and a Waste Management Plan. The EPA recommends that DP&E incorporates the requirement for the preparation of these plans in to conditions of project approval should such an approval be granted for this project.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Mr Andrew Helms at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6333 3805 or by email at [central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Clift'.

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