

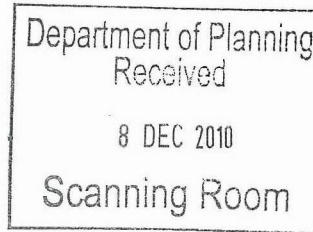
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3 December 2010

Dear Ms McKenzie

RE: PART 3A: MANILDRA SOLAR FARM – REVIEW OF EA (REF: MP 10_0122)

I refer to your letter to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) dated 9 November 2010 seeking comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Infigen Suntech Australia Pty Ltd solar farm at Manildra.

As previously advised, the proposal will not require an environment protection licence under Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) however any construction and operational works must comply with the provisions of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Construction and operational impacts related to noise, dust, water pollution, land contamination and waste management can be appropriately managed to reduce any impacts to public amenity and the environment. As such, DECCW believes the management actions stipulated in the EA and the Draft Statement of Commitments to be appropriate.

DECCW maintains a strong interest in terms of potential impacts upon Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Native Vegetation/Biodiversity. DECCW again believes that the management actions stipulated in the EA and the Draft Statement of Commitments is adequate in terms of addressing both Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Native Vegetation/Biodiversity matters. However DECCW notes that an actual detailed offset strategy has not been provided in the EA. Any offset strategy must be developed using either DECCW's 'Principles for the use of biodiversity offsets in NSW', or the Biobanking Assessment Methodology. When using the 'Principles' the offset strategy must address all the principles not merely one of these principles (i.e. maintain or improve).

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter please contact Matthew Corradin at the Bathurst Office of DECCW by telephoning (02) 6332 7603.

Yours sincerely

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