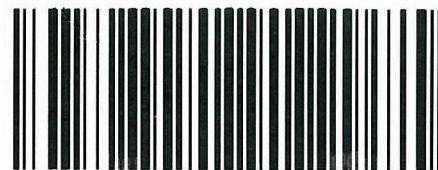


Monday 22nd November, 2010

Reference MP 10_0122

Attention: the Contact Officer

James Archdale
NSW Dept Planning
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001



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Dear James,

**Re: Manildra Solar Farm—Request for Environmental Assessment Requirements
(Application reference MP 10_0122)**

The Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (Lachlan CMA) would like to thank the NSW Dept Planning for the opportunity to review the Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the Environment Assessment (EA) for the Manildra Solar Farm development.

The overall objectives of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment will complement the objectives of the Lachlan Catchment Action Plan management targets for Land, Water, Community and Biodiversity if:

- Environmentally Sensitivity Area Mapping (ESA) are used to assist in the development of new Land Use Strategies, Development Control Plans and Local Environment Plans that incorporate sustainable NRM principles that identify and adequately protect key areas in the Cabonne Shire.
- Consultation of the environmental sensitivity mapping layers (held by Cabonne Shire Council) is advised and will indicate areas of concern that need to be addresses within the EA. They provide a high level mapping/planning framework to manage development in environmentally sensitive areas and are likely to lead to improved management of natural resources within the proposed development site.
- The Lachlan CMA supports the provisions for conservation of Biodiversity, Land, Riparian areas and Flood liable land in the EA.
- The Lachlan CMA suggest that an Operation Management Plan accompany the EA to address (during and post construction) chemical use, promotion of ground cover, protection of native vegetation and biodiversity, soil degradation issues and water quality.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this response please contact Casey Proctor, the Lachlan CMA Local Government Officer, who can be contacted during business hours on 02 63419318 or casey.proctor@cma.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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