

Rita Hatem
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
Major Projects

rita.hatem@planning.nsw.gov.au

Tilbuster Solar Farm and BESS Stage 2 (SSD-69799460) – Response to Submissions

Dear Rita

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Tilbuster Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (Stage 2) Response to Submissions (RTS) provided on 4 December 2025.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD, the Department) collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

Our advice on the EIS (13 June 2025, OUT25/7456) referred to incorporation of mitigation measures recommended for soil and land management, groundcover management, removal of all underground infrastructure during rehabilitation and decommissioning, and preparation of a Pest and Weed Management Plan to address agricultural biosecurity. Opportunistic agrisolar was noted as being managed within groundcover management mitigation measures.

The RTS details actions since the EIS exhibition which resulted in additional reports being prepared in response to other agency advice. The project is now revised to reduce the development footprint from 140ha to 105ha to avoid areas of native vegetation, reduced solar energy generation capacity of 140MW to 80MW and adjustments to improve the project's operational outcomes.

As the RTS refers to our previous advice and does not adjust the project in a manner that raises concerns for DPIRD, we do not have any further comments.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0487023845 or by email at landuse.ag@dpiird.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



Nita Scott
15 December 2025