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Dear Natasha

### **Project EnergyConnect (NSW Western)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Project EnergyConnect (NSW Western). DPI Agriculture (DPI) is charged with building stronger primary industries, one component of our work focuses on enhancing the productive and sustainable use of NSW's agricultural resources.

It is noted that 'Technical Paper 3 Agricultural Land Impact Assessment' covers in general terms the impact of the proposal on agriculture and agricultural lands and as such DPI does not have detailed concerns with this proposal.

We do have some concerns regarding the impacts on areas under cropping and irrigation as they return to productivity post drought. These land uses cover a smaller amount of land for a higher level of production and for this reason suffer higher levels of possible disruption from the line. Further details are required on how these properties will be future proofed against the project's ongoing impacts.

We also recommend that Construction and Operational Weed and Pest Management Plans be developed in consultation with landholders and the relevant agencies.

Should you require clarification on the information contained in this response, or the above assistance, please contact Lilian Parker on 0427812508.

Yours sincerely

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