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Dear Emma,

**Middlebrook Solar Farm (SSD-10455) – Modification 1**

Thank you for your NSW Planning Portal request dated 29 January 2026 to the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group (CPHR) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW DCCEEW) inviting comments on the proposed Modification 1 Report for the Middlebrook Solar Farm.

We have reviewed the proposed changes in the Modification Report, Biodiversity Memo and associated spatial data. These are changes and/or increases to the development footprint and security fencing design.

We understand that the proposed modifications are limited to land mapped as *Category 1 - exempt land* in the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report. No impacts will occur to vegetation mapped as *Category 2 - regulated land*. This approach conforms with advice previously provided by CPHR.

Appropriate avoidance buffers surrounding *Category 2 – regulated land* must be maintained. Category 1 grassland areas must be supported with appropriate evidence, particularly where they border areas of mapped native vegetation.

CPHR considers the fencing change to be low risk. The biodiversity management plan must address the change and provide measures to respond to any animals caught in the fencing.

No additional assessment under the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) or additional conditions are required. If you have any further questions, please contact our North Planning Team at [rog.nw@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rog.nw@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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