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Dear Mr Beckett

**Silverleaf Solar Farm (SSD-9358)
EIS Exhibition**

I refer to your email of 26 August 2019 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) – Lands, Water and Department of Primary Industries (DPI) about the above matter.

The following advice for you to consider is from DPIE – Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR).

Our concerns include:

- Insufficient information has been provided to confirm a viable water supply is available.
- Impacts on several watercourses from proposed watercourse crossings
- Potential erosion on and off site.

Prior to Project Determination

- Clarification should be provided of the ability to obtain the necessary water volumes from the site or whether a viable supply is available, via an indication of an agreement from a water supplier. Where the water is to be sourced from a currently unauthorised source, an impact assessment and confirmation that the necessary entitlement can be obtained will be required.
- Clarification should be provided of the proposed infrastructure layout to meet the buffer requirements from watercourses as defined in the *Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land* (NRAR 2018).

Post Project Determination

- The proponent should obtain relevant approvals and licences under the *Water Management Act 2000* before commencing any works which intercept or extract groundwater or surface water (including from on-site dams where necessary), or for any works which have the potential to alter the flow of floodwaters.
- The proponent should prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan (incorporating an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan) prior to commencement of activities.
- Works within waterfront land must be in accordance with the *Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land* (NRAR 2018).

Any further referrals to DPIE – NRAR & Water can be sent by email to:
landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Any further referrals to DPI & Crown Lands can be sent by email to: dpi.cabinet@dpi.nsw.gov.au
& lands.ministerials@industry.nsw.gov.au respectively.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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3 October 2019