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Mr Jack Turner
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Via Major Planning Projects Portal

Dear Mr Turner

DPI Agriculture – Response to the Assessment of the Federation Project (SSD-24319456) (Cobar Shire)

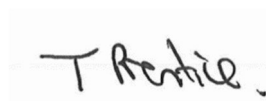
Thank you for the notification of the exhibition of the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Federation Project on 8 March 2022. NSW DPI has reviewed the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements that deal with the agricultural aspects of land resource and use.

DPI Agriculture considers that the assessment has considered the onsite impacts of the proposal on agriculture appropriately and the development will have only a minor impact on agricultural productivity. The EIS indicates that the site can be generally restored to its pre-mining land and soil capacity and will continue to be able to support agriculture.

It is recommended that the broader impact on surrounding agricultural land use is considered through pre-commencement engagement with adjoining landholders. We did not identify a commitment to this in the EIS.

Should you have any questions in relation to this response I have asked the Ms Mary Kovac be available to answer your enquiries. Ms Kovac may be contacted on 0427 949 987.

Yours sincerely



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