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**Subject: Walla Walla Solar Farm Mod 2 - Project Layout Changes (SSD-9874-Mod-2)-
Modification Report**

Dear Mr Nixey

I refer to your request for advice sent on 17 May 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

The proposed modification is changes to project layout to increase solar array within the existing development footprint and additional creek crossing and increases to vegetation clearing within site (0.15 ha) and maximum daily truck numbers (from 45 to 110).

The following recommendations are provided by DPE Water.

Pre-Determination

- The proponent should confirm there have been no modifications to the approved setbacks required for all watercourses on site.

Explanation

DPE Water recommends that the proponent provide confirmation that there has been no changes to watercourse setbacks, and that they will be in accordance with the previously approved layout. This was 20m vegetated buffer from top of each bank for Middle Creek and 30m vegetated buffer from Back Creek.

Post Approval

- Works within waterfront land need to be in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land.

Explanation

Works on waterfront land, including the additional watercourse crossings, should show due consideration to the Guidelines for Controlled Activities.

Please note that the licensing and approval function has now moved from NRAR to DPE Water. Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact DPE Water Assessments water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au or the coordinating officer within DPE Water:

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Yours sincerely

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