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Nestor Tsambos
Department of Planning and Environment

(via Major Projects Portal)

Dear Mr Tsambos

Tallawang Solar Farm (SSD-23700028)
No Comment on Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for your request for advice from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this proposal.

The request relates to the construction, operation, and decommissioning of a 500MW solar farm with a 200 MW Battery Energy Storage System and associated infrastructure.

The EPA recently advised the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) that it will no longer respond to routine referrals of certain types of planning matters. These include educational establishments, hospitals, medical centres, health research facilities and solar farms. This decision was made to ensure that the EPA is focussing more resources on providing advice on other complex projects. The DPE was advised of this in a letter from the EPA to DPE's Tim Kirby, Director Case Management, dated 21 January 2022. The EPA should only be contacted about these types of developments if you believe that EPA technical expertise on a specific issue is needed.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Stuart Gibson on 02 9995 6193 or email environmentprotection.planning@epa.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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