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Attention: Mr Javier Cannon

Dear Mr Cannon

RE: New England Solar Farm – Uralla Shire (SSD – 9255 – MOD 2) – Modification Report

Thank you for the notification dated 27 October 2022 about the proposed modification to the development consent for the New England Solar Farm seeking comments from the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate in the Environment and Heritage Group of the Department of Planning and Environment. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

We have reviewed the modification report including the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (EMM August 2022) and have no issues to raise. However, we note that Condition 11 of Schedule 3 of the development consent for SSD-9255 requires the preparation of a biodiversity management plan (BMP) to ensure effective implementation of each of the biodiversity management and mitigation measures listed in the BDAR (EMM 2018). Consequently, it will be necessary to modify Condition 11 to require the BMP to include the management and mitigation measures for any additional impacts from the modification detailed in the BDAR (EMM August 2022).

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bill Larkin, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, at bill.larkin@environment.nsw.gov.au or 6659 8216.

Yours sincerely



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