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Subject:	Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) - New England Solar - Modification 2 (SSD-9255-Mod-2) (Uralla Shire)
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Dear Javier,

Heritage NSW has reviewed the New England Solar - Modification 2- (SSD-9255) (Uralla Shire), with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH), and make the following comments.

I note that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Report (ACHAR) (Appendix E) was previously completed for the EIS project in consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs), and that the consultation process has been maintained since 2018. Additional Aboriginal sites and areas of archaeological potential were identified during the archaeological field survey for Modification 2, and as a result, the extent of the modification area has been refined.

The following management and mitigation measures have been proposed in relation to Modification 2:

- Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the project boundary are currently subject to management under the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP). The AHMP will be updated to incorporate the modification area.
- The two sites, NE119 and NE20, within the modification area will be subject to surface collection. Surface collection will be completed by the project archaeologist and RAP representatives and will be undertaken prior to any ground disturbance in the vicinity of the two sites.
- All other identified sites will be avoided. Passive management will apply to the Aboriginal sites identified for avoidance on land within the proposed project boundary but over 20 m from the proposed development footprint. While no fencing, signage or active land management measures are proposed for these sites, their locations will be kept on the project's Aboriginal cultural heritage database for persons working on or visiting the project boundary. Their presence in the landscape will be demarcated by at least one high visibility peg, stake or other marker to alert persons to their location. These locations will be marked by the project archaeologist and at least one RAP representative. These measures will apply to NE106, NE118 and NE117.
- The remaining sites and PAD areas are outside of the proposed project boundary and will remain in situ on private land. The proponent will liaise with relevant landholders where Aboriginal sites have been recorded on their land and communicate that Aboriginal objects are protected by law and must not be impacted.
  - Heritage NSW supports the proposed management and mitigation measures in relation to Modification 2 and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

I note that there are two Aboriginal sites within the modification area and that both sites will be subject to surface collection. All other identified sites will be avoided, and the AHMP will be updated to incorporate the modification area. Management and mitigation strategies and methodologies to protect Aboriginal sites will continue to be implemented in accordance with the AHMP. Heritage NSW has no additional comments in relation Modification 2 and Aboriginal cultural heritage. Please contact me directly should you require any additional information. I shall upload this email to the MPP this afternoon.

Kind Regards Nicole Davis

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The Department has sent you a request for advice in relation to the New England Solar MOD 2. The due date for this request is 09/11/22.

Please sign in to your account to view the details of this request and to upload your advice.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Javier Canon on (02) 9373 2821 /at Javier.Canon@planning.nsw.gov.au.

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