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Dear Mr Wathen

**Major Projects – New Request for Advice – Blind Creek Solar Farm (SSD-13166280)
Response to Submissions (RTS)**

I refer to your request for Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) input regarding the review of the Blind Creek Solar Farm Response to Submissions (RTS). The proposal is for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a photovoltaic solar array and associated battery storage. The proposal is located on the south-eastern shores of Lake George, 7 kilometres from the nearby township of Bungendore.

We have reviewed the RTS documentation, including the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) and the associated Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP). We note the corrections to the BDAR regarding credit liability, Serious and Irreversible Impact (SAIL) assessment and vegetation zone naming have been included as previously suggested, and that the deficiencies identified in the BMP in previous correspondence have been rectified.

We request that the final BMP is referred to BCD for consultation prior to the issue of conditions of consent, and that the final version of the BMP provides a reporting frequency commitment relating to each performance criteria in addition to the monitoring timeframes that are outlined at present.

If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter in more detail, please contact Louis Cameron, Assistant Regional Operations Support Officer, via email at rog.southeast@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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