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Subject: **Sundown Solar Farm (Inverell Shire) (SSD-8911) – Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Nestor Tasmbos

I refer to your request for advice sent on 04 July 2023 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

The proponent seeks to develop a large-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation facility and associated battery energy storage system (BESS). The solar component of the project will have an indicative capacity of 360 megawatts (MW). The BESS component will have an indicative capacity of up to 150 MW for a four-hour duration.

DPE Water has reviewed the EIS and provides the following recommendation:

Prior to approval

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

Explanation

DPE Water supports the proponent's commitment to have watercourse setbacks and crossings in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land. The project will include stormwater outlets which should also be designed and constructed in accordance with these guidelines. The most recent version of the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land can be found at: <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-trade/controlled-activity-approvals/guidelines>

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.

Yours sincerely



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