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Sundown Solar Farm

The Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands have reviewed the proposal.

Crown land identified within the proposal project area and access from Gwydir Highway includes several Crown roads and Crown waterway.

No development proposal appears to impact the Crown waterway (Kings Creek) and therefore Crown Lands has no further comment on Crown waterways within the proposal.

Several Crown roads (unformed) held under Enclosure Permit by landholders adjoin the proposed project area. These do not appear to be included in the development footprint and the EIS correctly notes that any proposal to include Crown roads (sections 3.2.1) would require consultation with Crown Lands to facilitate road closings and/or licencing the use of Crown road, if required. Crown Lands therefore has no further comment on Crown roads within the development footprint at this stage.

Part of Sturmans Road, being formed access from Gwydir Highway/Spring Mountain Road, to the project area is currently Crown road (north of Lot 141 DP 753305). Being existing formed road maintained by Inverell Council, Crown Lands will transfer management of this section of Crown road to Inverell Council in line with the remaining Sturmans Road.

Crown Lands has had consultation with the proponent regarding access off Gwydir Highway onto Spring Mountain Road. The proponent will need to widen the turn into Spring Mountain Road from Gwydir Highway to facilitate heavy vehicle movements. Depending on the correct cadastral alignment with the Highway formation this may include a small intrusion into Travelling Stock Reserve (Crown reserve 67474, Lot 7301 DP 1165765). The proponent in the EIS has correctly noted that Crown Lands will enable construction of the turning into Spring Mountain Road via permit (Table 4.3 and 5.3). Crown Lands will continue to work with the proponent, no further response needed at this stage.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Warren Martin, Natural Resource Management Project Officer in Crown Lands, on 02 67703118 or at warren.martin@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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