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Advice on Burrendong Wind Farm EIS SSD-8950984

Dear Natasha,

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 November 2023 and the opportunity to provide comment on the EIS provided for this project.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The project area is dominated by Burrendong Dam and privately owned agricultural land, which largely comprises livestock grazing typical of the central west slopes and plains. The EIS appropriately quantifies the potential impacts on the project site and provides mitigation measures through the Construction and Operation Management Plans, Traffic Management Plan, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, Biosecurity Management Plan and Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Management Plan.

It is noted the EIS proposes actions for returning the land capability to pre-existing agricultural capacity, which is supported. It is NSW DPI's position that underground infrastructure be removed to 500mm depth to enable recommencement of agricultural activities where the risk of local soil disturbance and erosion is manageable.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0487 023 845 or by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nita Scott".

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