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Jindera BESS SEARs (SSD-68815961) – DPI Agriculture Advice

Dear James

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft SEARs for the proposed Jindera BESS (SSD-68815961).

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

DPI has reviewed the draft SEARs and the commitments made in the Scoping Report. While the required assessment of potential agricultural impacts is supported as outlined, other specific requirements include:

- Any proposed subdivision resulting in lots that is smaller than the minimum lot size should not create additional dwelling entitlements.
- Any Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Strategy should include removal of all above and below ground infrastructure to allow greater opportunity for agricultural activities following decommissioning.
- A pest and weed management plan should address specific biosecurity, weed and pest impacts relating to agriculture in the vicinity of the proposal (not just impacts relating to Biodiversity). See - https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/1271241/managing-biosecurity-risks-in-land-use-planning-and-development-guide.pdf
- Rehabilitation plans during and post construction should detail appropriate groundcover management using locally native species to limit dust and other land use conflict issues.

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

Sincerely

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Signed 2 April 2024