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Our ref: D2024/40740

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Dear Ms Mathema,

Gol Gol Solar Farm - Request for SEARs – (SSD-70916707)

Thank you for your Major Projects Planning Portal referral dated 17 May 2024 requesting WaterNSW's advice in relation to the above SEARs. It is understood that the proposal will consist of approximately 600 megawatts of solar photovoltaic panels accommodated within an area of between 1,500 and 2,900 hectares, although it is noted that the details are subject to ongoing design refinement and that the final plan will be presented in the EIS.

WaterNSW has reviewed the Scoping Report and notes that the subject site is not located adjacent to any WaterNSW land or assets, however there are water monitoring sites within the project site that will need to be assessed at the EIS stage for potential impacts as a result of the proposed development, especially given that WaterNSW supply water from Gol Gol Creek which is directly downstream of the proposed development. Given the significant earthworks and alteration of overland waterflow, measures will need to be in place to ensure any erosion is minimised and water quality is maintained.

As an SSD, any flood works or licensing approvals will be assessed by others. WaterNSW requests that the Department continues to notify us of all developments that may impact on our assets, infrastructure or land, using the email address Environmental.Assessments@waternsw.com.au. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact hugh.sutton@waternsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Kniha", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ALISON KNIHA
Environmental Planning Assessments and Approvals Manager