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## Finley BESS - SEARs (SSD-72430958) – DPI Agriculture Advice

Dear Samantha

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft SEARs for the proposed Finley BESS (SSD-72430958).

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 notes that Scoping Report commits to using the soil survey as basis for rehabilitation to its pre-development agricultural productivity potential and to completing a Soil and Agricultural Resource Assessment and a Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment (LUCRA). The following additional requirements are requested:

- Any proposed subdivision resulting in lots that are 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 biosecurity management plan should address specific weed, pest and emergency animal disease impacts relating to **agriculture** and irrigation in the vicinity of the proposal.
- Rehabilitation plans during and post construction should detail appropriate groundcover management using locally native species to limit dust and other land use conflict issues.
- There should specific justification for any proposed worker accommodation site. The proponent should be aware that the development of extra dwellings on RU1 Primary Production zoned lands remote from towns or villages has the potential to create land use conflicts.

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](mailto:landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Sincerely

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Signed 28 June 2024