

9 October 2024

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Dear Ms Hatem

DPIE request for Advice – Maison Dieu Solar Farm (SSD- 48160216)

I refer to your request via the NSW Major Projects Planning Portal for advice from Singleton Council on the Maison Dieu Solar Farm Project (SSD- 48160216).

Council notes that the due date for its submission is 9 October 2024. Given the timing of exhibition, including during school holiday period and council caretaker mode, council has not been able to complete its submission within the exhibition period. The Maison Dieu Solar Farm Project is the first State significant renewable energy project solely within the Singleton local government area.

Council has had a tight timeframe to review the documents, develop a submission, hear from the proponent, brief Councillors and form a view on the proposal. This timeframe for considered review of the proposed Project is considered too short, particularly as it coincided with the caretaker period leading into local government elections.

As such, Council is working towards providing a detailed submission by 25th October 2024. Council reserves its right to provide Councillors with adequate time for review of the staff submission. It should be noted that amendments to council's submission, including whether Council support the proposed development, or a subsequent submission, may occur because of this process.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Maison Dieu Solar Farm Project. Please contact me on 02 6578 7290 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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Manager Development and Environmental Services