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Subject: Brewongle Solar Farm (SSD-64834490) – Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Nestor Tsambos,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 21 May 2025 to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

NSW DCCEEW Water Group has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement and makes recommendations in regard to water supply, wastewater management and works on waterfront land. Please see **Attachment A** for more detail.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact the DCCEEW Water Assessments team at water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPHI Planning & Assessment regarding the Brewongle Solar Farm (SSD-64834490) – EIS

1.0 Water supply

1.1 Recommendation – pre determination

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requests the proponent to demonstrate an adequate and reliable water supply is available to meet the site water demands during both construction and operation.

Explanation

The proponent has indicated the water demands are to be met from Bathurst Regional Council. Whilst it is noted the proponent is in the process of submitting an application for a bulk water supply permit, it is unclear if consultation with Council to understand the viability of this option has occurred. Confirmation is requested that there has been consultation with Council with an indication that this is a reliable option to source water for the project. Should alternative water sources be required these may need further assessment and licensing under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

2.0 Wastewater management

2.1 Recommendation – pre determination

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requests the proponent to quantify the volumes of construction sewage waste and confirm a suitable system for on-site management or evidence of consultation for off-site disposal.

Explanation

The proponent has indicated the sewage waste is to be either pumped out or treated on-site, however insufficient information is provided to understand the likely volumes and the suitability and potential impacts of either option. As the peak construction workforce of 200 full time employees could generate significant waste volumes further information is requested to quantify the volumes and identify a viable management strategy.

3.0 Works on Waterfront Land

3.1 Recommendation – post determination

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requests the proponent to ensure works within waterfront land are in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (DPE 2022).

Explanation

Works are proposed on waterfront land which include a temporary crossing over Saltwater Creek, a fifth order watercourse. The proponent has committed to complying with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (DPE 2022). The guidelines are

accessible at the following link: <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/licensing-and-approvals/controlled-activity-approvals#guidelines-for-controlled-activity-approvals>

End Attachment A
