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C/o Major Projects Portal

Burroway Solar Farm – RFI response

Dear Ms Hatem

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the RFI Response for the proposed Burroway Solar Farm - SSD-55968733.

Agriculture plays a vital role in supporting state, regional and local economies and strengthening rural communities' social bonds and character. The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Biosecurity (the Department) collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department's advice is guided by section 4.15(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), where a consent authority is required to evaluate a project's potential environmental, social, and economic impacts and the public interest. Sections 1.3(a) and (b) of the EP&A Act emphasise facilitating ecologically sustainable development (ESD) in land use decision-making, promoting responsible resource management that benefits present and future generations.

The Department has noted the response to biosecurity and decommissioning issues raised in previous correspondence.

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

Sincerely

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Signed 12-6-2025