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Re: Gundry Solar Farm – SSD-48225958 – Response to Submissions

Dear Mr Ashe

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Response to Submissions (RTS) and Amendment Report for the proposed Gundry Solar Farm (SSD-48225958). This follows previous advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project (our reference: OUT24/19284; 12 December 2024).

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Biosecurity (the Department) collaborates with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department has reviewed the RTS, Amendment Report and associated documentation and finds the proponent's response to our previous advice to be acceptable overall. We welcome the commitment to a 70% groundcover target under normal conditions as previously recommended, and the formalisation of this in the schedule of mitigation measures.

Given the lack of guarantee that agrisolar (i.e. grazing of sheep under solar installations) will be implemented sufficiently or at all at this stage, the Department cautions against its use as a justification or proposed mitigation of agricultural productivity impacts. We note that such impacts have otherwise been considered to a sufficient degree in the EIS and RTS documentation.

No further information is required at this time.

Should you require clarification on any of the information in this response, please do not hesitate to email us at landuse.ag@dpird.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



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