

Our ref: Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-33964533)

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Subject: Request for Additional Information

Dear Ms Kramer

I refer to the assessment of the Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-33964533). While the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) continues to assess the merits of the project, you are requested to submit the following additional information:

- Provide a response to residual agency queries in advice received from Heritage NSW (dated 22 December 2023), Mid-Western Regional Council (dated 10 January 2024), Upper Hunter Shire Council (dated 12 January 2024) and Transport for NSW (dated 24 January 2024). Please contact the Department to discuss the particular matters raised;
- **Hazards:**
 - o confirm the capacity of the proposed centralised battery energy storage system (BESS) and the capacity and number of battery sites proposed for a decentralised BESS;
 - o provide further justification for the spacing of batteries to minimise the risk of propagation between batteries; and
 - o update the area requirements of the BESS based on the above.

You are requested to provide the information to the Department by Friday 16 February 2024. If you cannot meet this deadline, please advise the Department via the NSW planning portal as soon as possible.

The assessment period ceases to run between the date of this letter and the date you provide the additional information (or notification that the information will not be provided), in accordance with Part 4 Division 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

If you have any questions, please contact Kurtis Wathen on 02 8289 6981 or via email at kurtis.wathen@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iwan Davies".

Iwan Davies
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