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Gunning Solar Farm (SSD - 46668486) (Upper Lachlan Shire Council)

Dear Mr Petersen,

Thank you for your correspondence of 29th July 2022 requesting Environmental Assessment Requirements (EARs) for the above proposal. The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

We have reviewed the draft EARs provided by the NSW Department Planning and Environment and recommend the following additional matters for consideration:

- Detail how the project will integrate with the sheep enterprise as proposed in the scoping report i.e., panel height, spacing and other aspects.
- Detail the design of fencing and its adequacy to keep livestock out.
- Undertake a biosecurity risk management plan.
- Detail the land capability.
- Outline any impacts to water use for agriculture and measures to mitigate against these impacts.
- Detail the depth of cables/ pipes. Depths greater than 500mm will allow greater opportunity for agricultural activities, particularly cropping, following decommissioning.
- Detail emergency management procedures and responsibilities for responding to bushfire threats.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, I have arranged for Ms Wendy Goodburn, Agricultural Land Use Planning Officer to assist you. Wendy can be contacted by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



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