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Gundarry Solar Farm (SSD-48225958) (Goulburn Mulwaree Council)

Dear Mr Canon,

Thank you for your correspondence of 15th September 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:

- Outline any impacts to water use for agriculture and measures to mitigate against these impacts.
- Undertake a biosecurity risk management plan that will include details to monitor, prevent, eliminate or minimise the introduction, presence, spread or increase of weeds.
- The depth of cables/ pipes is to be stated. Note that a depth >500mm will allow greater opportunity for agricultural activities, particularly cropping, following decommissioning.
- Consider how to integrate the operation of a livestock grazing enterprise with the solar farm operations. If livestock grazing is proposed as part of the enterprise, then the proposed management of livestock and any considerations given to the height and spacing of the panels to enable livestock grazing will need to be addressed in the EIS.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, I can be contacted by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



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