

Rita Hatem

From: River Murray Health <RiverMurrayHealth@mdba.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2026 10:00 AM
To: Rita Hatem
Cc: Engagement
Subject: RE: Notice of Exhibition – Forbes Solar Farm (SSD-72383210)

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Dear Rita

Thank you for the opportunity of reviewing and advising on NSW SSD-72383210 Forbes Solar Farm.

In considering this proposal, the MDBA's role is to ensure the water quality of the River Murray is maintained or improved, contributing to the protection of the riverine and floodplain environment.

Based on the information provided, the MDBA has completed its assessment in accordance with the provisions under Clause 49 of Schedule 1 (Murray-Darling Basin Agreement) of the Water Act (2007).

Our assessment concludes the proposal is unlikely to significantly impact the flow, use, control, and quality of water of the River Murray, noting:

- the proposal's location appears suitably zoned and is in the mid-Lachlan catchment well away from the River Murray and its tributaries/anabranches
- the project area sensibly comprises water course exclusions and riparian buffers, with hydraulic investigations indicating unlikely adverse impacts to water course bed/bank stability.

Should you have any further queries, please direct them to RiverMurrayHealth@mdba.gov.au.

Regards,

Mike Ridley

Senior Project Officer, River Murray Water Quality

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Hi Mike

Thanks for confirming receipt.

When your team have finalised your advice, please forward it to Rita Hatem as I will be moving to a new team next week.

Regards

Jess Fountain
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Hi Jess

Acknowledging receipt of below invitation for advice on the Forbes Solar Farm EIS.

Aiming to assess internally and provide approved response by 20/2 as requested, however will advise if delayed.

Regards,

Mike Ridley

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From: Jess Fountain <Jessica.Fountain@dpie.nsw.gov.au>
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Dear Murray Darling Basin Authority

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Department) has received an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Forbes Solar Farm (SSD-72383210).

The EIS will be publicly exhibited from Friday 23 January 2026 until Friday 20 February 2026.

The EIS can be viewed on the Department's Major Projects website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/forbes-solar-farm from **Friday 23 January 2026**.

The Department invites you to advise on the proposal, including advice on recommended conditions by **Friday 20 February 2026**.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Rita Hatem on (02) 8275 1033 or via email at rita.hatem@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Regards

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