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To: Rita Hatem
Cc: Engagement
Subject: RE: Major Projects - New Request for Advice - Garoo Solar Farm EIS (SSD-79747209)

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Hi Rita

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting on NSW's SSD-79747209 Garoo Solar Farm & Battery Energy Storage System development proposal.

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 limited information provided (EIS unavailable) and the nature/location of the proposal, the MDBA has undertaken an abridged assessment 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, given the proposal is situated at the eastern fringe of the Murray-Darling Basin ~40km south of Tamworth and well away from the River Murray and any major tributaries/anabranches.

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

Regards,

Mike Ridley

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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 Garoo Solar Farm (SSD-79747209).

The EIS will be publicly exhibited from Wednesday 4 March 2026 to Wednesday 1 April 2026.

The EIS can be viewed on the Department's Major Projects website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/garoo-solar-farm-and-bess> from **Wednesday 4 March 2026**.

The Department invites you to advise on the proposal, **by Wednesday 1 April 2026**.

If you have any enquiries, call or email me.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Rita

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