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Dear Mr Greenaway

**New England Solar Farm (SSD 9255)
Pre-construction Works (Fencing, Temporary Site Compound and Access Points)**

I refer to your letter dated 1 June 2021, seeking confirmation that the following works can be undertaken prior to the commencement of construction of the New England Solar Farm (SSD 9255):

- installation of fencing and associated development of a temporary site compound; and
- construction of access points for the substation, switchyard and operations and maintenance buildings.

The Department notes that these works are located within the approved development footprint and would not result in any additional impacts beyond that assessed and approved for the project. Further, these works would be subject to the relevant management and mitigation measures required under the development consent and approved management plans, and undertaken in consultation with and / or to the satisfaction of the relevant agencies identified in the consent.

The Department considers that the temporary site compound is required for the installation of the fencing and is therefore excluded from the definition of construction in the development consent and can be commenced prior to completion of the road upgrades.

The Department notes that you intend to construct additional access points within the development footprint. The Department considers these can be undertaken prior to the commencement of construction of the project but notes that all road upgrades and site access points identified in the development consent must be carried out to the satisfaction of the relevant roads authority in accordance with condition 4 of Schedule 3.

Accordingly, the Department considers that the above works can be undertaken prior to commencement of construction in accordance with the development consent for the New England Solar Farm.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Lander Robinson on 02 9274 6052 or via email at lander.robinson@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Brewer
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