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Attention: Ms Green

SSI-70279722 Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission upgrade

Dear Ms Green

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 May 2024 and the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed upgrade of the Mount Piper to Wallerawang transmission line (SSI-7027972).

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.

The Scoping Report and draft SEARs have been reviewed and it is requested the following be included, noting there is agricultural land that is part of, and adjoining the project site:

- Biosecurity management issues during and post construction must be assessed in relation to potential agricultural impacts in the EIS.
- A Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment should be undertaken in relation to land management issues during and post construction, as per the commitment in the Scoping Report.
- A Rehabilitation and Decommissioning/Closure Management Plan - This should include the commitment to remove all infrastructure above and below ground, to a depth of 500mm where applicable to agricultural land.

Industry guidelines and resource information (Attachment A) should also be provided to the proponent for consideration when preparing the Environmental Impact Statement.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0487 023 845 or by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



Nita Scott

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10 May 2024

Encl: Attachment A: Industry Guidelines and resource information

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Title	Website link
Infrastructure Proposals on Rural Land	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/lup/developmentassessment2/infrastructure-proposals
The land and soil capability assessment scheme: second approximation 2012 (OEH)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-andpublications/publications-search/land-and-soil-capability-assessment-scheme
Australian Soil and Land Survey Handbook (CSIRO)	https://ebooks.publish.csiro.au/content/australian-soil-andland- survey-field-handbook
Guidelines for Surveying Soil and Land Resources (CSIRO)	https://ebooks.publish.csiro.au/content/guidelines-surveying-soil-and-land-resources
Biosecurity Risk Management in Land Use Planning and Development	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/___data/assets/pdf_file/0018/1271241/managing-biosecurity-risks-in-land-use-planning-and-development-guide.pdf