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BY EMAIL

Attention: Mr Iwan Davies

Dear Mr Davies,

RE: UPC Renewables – New England Solar Farm (SSD 9255) – EIS Exhibition and Request for Comment

I refer to your email dated 19 February 2019 advising of the exhibition period and providing the Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) for the Development Application from UPC Renewables for the New England Solar Farm.

The EPA has responsibilities for pollution control and environmental management for scheduled activities under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (“the Act”). Based on the information provided the proposed development is not a scheduled activity under the Act and the solar farm does not require an Environment Protection Licence (“EPL”).

Under the Act Uralla Shire Council will be the Appropriate Regulatory Authority for pollution control and environmental management issues for this proposal, should consent be granted.

As such the EPA has not reviewed the EIS and has not provided any recommended conditions of approval for this development. However, the EPA recommends that the applicant review Schedule 1 of the Act to determine if any ancillary works associated with the New England Solar Farm may be scheduled and require an EPL. For example, ‘extractive activities’.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please contact Ingrid Carruthers on (02) 6773 7000 or by email to armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Scrivener".

REBECCA SCRIVENER
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