

20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Mr Iwan Davies  
Department of Planning and Environment  
Sydney GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Davies,

**NEW ENGLAND SOLAR FARM (SSD 18\_9255) EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibited on the NSW Planning & Environment website in relation to the New England Solar Farm.

The New England Solar Farm; a significant grid connected solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) along with associated infrastructure, approximately 6 kilometres (km) east of the township of Uralla, which lies approximately 19 km south of Armidale in the Uralla Shire Council.

**ES5.8 Water**

The Exhibited Environmental Impact Statement states that, "Water demands during construction and operation will be satisfied by potable water imported (trucked in) to site".

The selected option for the provision of a private potable water supply is likely to require a Quality Assurance Program in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act 2010.

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Again, the proponent is encouraged to contact Hunter New England Local Health District with respect to developing a Quality Assurance Program.

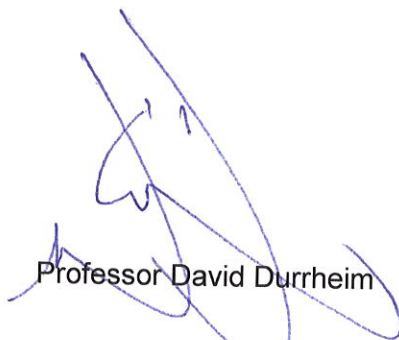
Additional information can also be accessed through the NSW Health website via the following link:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/private-supplies.aspx>

Water carters providing drinking water for human consumption should take water from a supply that meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (potable water supplies). Appropriate sources include town drinking water supplies, or directly from a bulk water supplier at the point of water treatment.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Glenn Pearce, Senior Environmental Health Officer on 6764 8000.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Durrheim', is written over the printed name.

Professor David Durrheim

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