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Dear Mr Stuckey

### **Sandigo Solar Farm (SSD 8872)**

#### **Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to the email of 5 March 2018 in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries.

Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

The Department has reviewed the EIS and provides the following recommendations and comments for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

#### **Recommendations**

##### **Prior to Project Approval**

- Construction water demands and sources, the security of the proposed sources and relevant licensing requirements and/or agreements should be confirmed.
- The source of operation water to be transported by truck and relevant licensing requirements and/or agreements should be confirmed.
- The proponent should confirm whether the upgrade works for the site access road are within waterfront land (ie. within 40m of a watercourse).
- Where works are to occur within waterfront land it is requested the proponent make a commitment to carry out works within waterfront land in accordance with the [Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land](#) (NOW 2012).
- The proponent should confirm whether road closure or enclosure permits will be required for Crown roads, and lodge any necessary [applications](#).

##### **Post Project Approval**

- The proponent should prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan in consultation with DoI Water prior to commencement of activities.
- Works within waterfront land should be consistent with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NOW 2012).

#### **Comments**

- The EIS indicates that operational water requirements of 500KL/annum and construction water requirements (unspecified volume) will be sourced from on-site rainwater capture or via water trucked to the site. Further detail is required on the construction volumes required and the source of trucked water for both construction

and operational phases to confirm a secure supply is available and whether additional licensing, assessment or agreements are required.

- Further detail is required in relation to the access road to the site to clearly describe scale of upgrade works and impacts to waterfront land (if any). Works associated with watercourse crossings should be undertaken in accordance with the, Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NOW 2012).
- Infrastructure proposed in the southern extent of the site appears to be in close proximity to a watercourse. It is recommended a vegetated buffer be established in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NOW 2012).

Yours sincerely



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