



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Charteris

**Dalton Power Project (MP 10_0035 MOD 1)
Comment on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA)**

I refer to your email of 10 March 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI has reviewed the modification application and accompanying PEA and advises that the conditions of consent originally issued for the project are appropriate, however all references to NSW Office of Water should be amended to DPI Water.

The proponent should also be aware that on 16 January 2012 the project area has become subject to the Water Sharing Plan for NSW Murray-Darling Basin (MDB) Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources. More specifically, the project site is located within the Lachlan Water Management Area and the Lachlan Fold Belt MDB groundwater source.

Under the Water Sharing Plan, proposed groundwater extraction from bores will require a *Water Access Licence* including sourcing and trading a volumetric entitlement for the volumes of water sought to be used. Alternatively, controlled allocations for entitlement may be able to be sourced from time to time.

Yours sincerely

Mitchell Isaacs
Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice
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