



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Davies,

Limondale Solar Farm (SSD 8025) Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to your email of 21/04/2017 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 EIS and provides the following comments and recommendations:

- It is recommended that the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan includes mitigation of construction impacts to water quality
- The proponent should confirm the maximum annual water demands for construction and operation. Additionally the proponent should specify the Water Access Licences (WAL) proposed to be used.
- The proponent should provide details on any requirement for additional water reticulation or storage infrastructure at the site or at the offtake point from the river
- Crown roads are adjacent to and within parts of the overall subject area and other impacted land is Crown land within Travelling Stock Reserves (i.e. Lots 7306 and 7307 DP 1158277). These parcels are also currently under Aboriginal Land Claim and will require consultation with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (media@alc.org.au).
- Crown roads impacted by the project should be purchased and closed by the adjoining land owner, or transferred to the local council if their use is still required.
- The proponent should prepare a 'Decommissioning Management Plan' developed at the initial project development stage. The 'Decommissioning Management Plan' should incorporate:
 - Baseline data for the site including soil and land resources, current land use and capability, to inform future land rehabilitation for a return to similar rangeland landform and agriculture use.
 - Rehabilitation objectives and strategies for returning the land to rangeland agricultural production.

- Removal of all subsurface infrastructure or alternatively all subsurface infrastructure is placed a minimum of 1200 mm below ground level to ensure that no future agricultural activities are impacted by this infrastructure. Detailed location identification of any remaining subsurface infrastructure is require
- The proponent should prepare a 'Groundcover Management Plan' including consideration of species that will be utilised by grazing animals, spacings that will encourage pasture growth, water supply options for stock, and alternatives for protecting the soil if pasture establishment is not successful – in particular hard surface runoff management prior to commencement of works.
- The proponent should prepare a 'Construction Environmental Management Plan' (CEMP) to establish erosion and sedimentation controls at the commencement of works, throughout construction and during trenching for the underground cabling. All construction works should be managed in accordance with the [Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction \(2004\)](#) series.
- The proponent should prepare a 'Weed Management Plan' incorporating vehicle hygiene regimes.

Yours sincerely,



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