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Dear Ms Patterson

**Quorn Park Solar Farm (SSD-9097) (Parkes Shire)  
EIS Exhibition**

I refer to your email of 30 October 2019 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

The following advice for you to consider is from DPIE Water and NRAR. Please note the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Crown Lands now provide a separate response.

Prior to Project Approval

- The EIS specified that a principle agreement has been provided by Parkes Shire Council to access water supply for construction and operation of the project. We would like confirmation that this has occurred either from Council and/or commitments from existing licensed water users to supply the project. Where additional entitlement is required, or if the bore is not authorised appropriately, we will require an impact assessment. This would need to address impacts to GDEs in addition to other water users and the environment.
- The proponent should provide details of water requirements for construction and operation, and supply arrangements for construction and operation.

Post Project Approval

- The proponent must obtain relevant approvals and licences under the *Water Management Act 2000* before commencing any works which intercept or extract groundwater or surface water (including from on-site dams where necessary) or for any works which have the potential to alter the flow of floodwaters.
- The proponent must ensure watercourse crossings are designed in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NRAR 2018).

Any further referrals to DPIE – NRAR & Water can be sent by email to:  
[landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

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& [lands.ministerials@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lands.ministerials@industry.nsw.gov.au) respectively.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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17 December 2019