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Hi Diana,

I have reviewed the EIS for the Beryl Solar Farm and the EPA can reiterate its advice from earlier this year that the project is not a scheduled activity and will not require a licence if approved.
Mid-Western Regional Council should be consulted on matters that may relate to the POEO Act.

Please also let me know if you should need this advice in a letter as a formal submission.
Thanks.

Regards,

Craig Flemming

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23 January 2017

Dear Mrs Charteris,

Beryl Solar Farm (SSD 8183)
EPA Request - Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

I refer to your email of 10 January 2017 requesting the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Beryl Solar Farm (the Proposal). The EPA understands that the application will be assessed by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as a State Significant Development.

The EPA has considered the details provided regarding the Proposal, including the Beryl Solar Farm Scoping Report, dated December 2016. The EPA notes that the Proposal will have a capacity of 95 MW from approximately 220 ha of photovoltaic modules.

The EPA would like to advise that Section 17 of Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act) does not include electricity generation from solar. Therefore the Proposal will not require an environment protection licence (EPL) should it be approved by the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE).

In accordance with the provisions of the POEO Act Mid-Western Regional Council is the appropriate regulatory authority for this Proposal and as such, any future correspondence regarding it should be directed to Council.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further please contact Ms Sheridan Ledger from the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6332 7608.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Clift'.

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