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Dear Ms Charteris

**Beryl Solar Farm Project (SSD 8183)**  
**Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

I refer to your email of 21 April 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](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

DPI has reviewed the EIS and provides the following recommendations:

- The proponent should ensure appropriate species of pasture, and spacing arrangements of the solar panels are used to maximise growth of groundcover.
- The proponent should provide detail on proposed alternatives for soil protection in the event pasture establishment is not successful.
- The proponent should ensure adequate supplies of water are located within the project site to ensure the welfare of grazing animals.
- The proponent should confirm water supply requirements and sources prior to project approval to understand the water supply risks and to ensure any requirement for additional licensing is identified early. In particular, the proponent should confirm that existing dams on site to be utilised in construction are under the maximum harvestable right dam capacity.
- The following should be included as Conditions of Consent in the event of project approval:
  - All subsurface infrastructure should be removed when the site is decommissioned or alternatively should be installed a minimum of 1200 mm below ground level to ensure future agricultural activities are not impacted.
  - The proponent should prepare a soil and water management plan in consultation with DPI Water ([water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au)) prior to commencement of activities.
  - The design of waterway crossings, installation of cables and any associated in-stream works should be prepared in accordance with DPI Water's [Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land \(2012\)](#).

Yours sincerely



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