



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Ko

### **Hillston Solar Project (SSD 7955) Comment on the Environmental impact Statement**

I refer to your email of 14 July 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches 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 Environmental Impact Statement and provides the following recommendations for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

#### **Recommendations**

##### **Prior to Project Approval**

- The proponent should confirm water demands for the project (construction and operation) and sources and security of water supply to enable appropriate assessment of impacts to water resources, other water users and the environment.
- The proponent should assess the impacts of works on flooding and assess against the Lachlan River Hillston Floodplain Management Plan Lake Brewster to Whealbah (2005). In particular the height of the access road and electrical connection lines proposed through this floodway and any impacts of this infrastructure on flood flows should be identified.

##### **Recommended Conditions of Consent**

- The proponent must obtain relevant licensing under the Water Management Act 2000 before commencing any works which intercept or extract groundwater or surface water.
- The proponent must prepare a Soil and Water Management Plan and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan in consultation with DPI Water prior to commencement of activities.
- All infrastructure and works on waterfront land are to be developed and carried out in accordance with *DPI Water's Guidelines for Controlled Activities on waterfront land (2012)*.

Yours sincerely

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Graeme White  
**A/Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice**  
10 August 2017

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