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The Honourable Anthony Roberts MP Minister for Planning

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Dear Minister

Tarleigh Park Solar Farm, 260 Parfreys Road, Deniliquin NSW 2713 State Significant Development Application No. SSD 17_8436 (Application)

We refer to our Adam Stipcevic's telephone discussion with Clay Preshaw of the Department of Planning and Environment earlier today. A copy of this correspondence has been sent to Mr Preshaw.

We act for Gregory Doherty of "Bindi", Deniliquin and also for Christopher and Anna Doherty of "Burwan", 91 Parfreys Road, Blighty.

Our clients are farmers who run and manage their properties as diversified farms in close proximity to the proposed Tarleigh Park Solar Farm.

We were advised by Mr Preshaw that if our clients were to make a submission in relation to the Application during the exhibition period, then the Department would consider any further submissions made by our clients outside the exhibition period, at least until 8 January 2018.

On that understanding, please accept this letter as a submission on our clients' behalf. The proposal has the potential to significantly impact upon our clients' use and enjoyment of their land. Our clients are presently engaged in speaking with their neighbours with a view to making a more detailed submission on behalf of a number of the surrounding land owners.

As the Minister may be aware, the exhibition period for this Application coincided with what is considered to be the busiest time of year for farmers in the region. In addition to harvesting the winter cereal crops, sowing the summer crops and irrigating both, our clients and the region's farmers have been attending to peak cattle and sheep stock work duties as well as continuing the labours of hay production.

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Please confirm your willingness to consider any further submission made by our clients in relation to the Application after the close of the exhibition period. Having regard to the difficulty of obtaining advice in relation to the Application over the Christmas and New Year Period, we believe that an extension until the end of February 2018 is reasonable.

Yours faithfully

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