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Dear Mr Ko

**Tarleigh Solar Farm (SSD 8436)**  
**Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

I refer to your email of 20 November 2017 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Crown Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries.

Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

The department has reviewed the EIS and provides the following recommendations:

- The Crown road adjoining the proposed development area will require application to close and purchase
- The EIS should commit to include the following in the Environmental Management Plan for the Rehabilitation and Decommissioning of the development
  - indicators to guide the return of the land back to agricultural production;
  - monitoring and mitigation measures to be adopted for rehabilitation actions; and
  - a commitment to burying cables and pipes to a depth at least 1000mm on any land with a cropping history or land with a capability for cropping to allow greater opportunity for agricultural activities to continue above the cables.
- The EIS should include assessment of biosecurity threats from construction and operation on potentially affected nearby properties.
- The EIS should include more detailed discussion of the impacts on soil class soil survey report (Appendix H) and the long-term impacts on Important Agriculture Land (IAL).
- The EIS should provide detail on impacts and mitigation measures for emptying the existing on-site water storage and the decommissioning of a number of smaller onsite dams.. Additional detail should also be provided on the proposed management of existing on-site dams during construction and operation of the project.
- The department recommends the following condition of consent:
  - The proponent prepares a CEMP in consultation with Crown Lands and Water prior to commencement of activities

Yours sincerely



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