Hi Ellen

I refer to your email of 17 May 2018 to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requesting our comments on the Darlington Point Solar Farm located approximately 10 kilometres south of Darlington Point, within the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area.

As per our letter to the Department of Planning and Environment dated 2 May 2017 the EPA has responsibilities for pollution control and environmental management for scheduled activities under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act). Based on the information provided the proposed activity is not scheduled under the POEO Act and the proposed photovoltaic solar farm does not require an Environment Protection Licence. Murrumbidgee Council will be the appropriate regulatory authority for matters relating to the POEO Act for this development.

On this basis the EPA has no further comments to make in relation to the proposal.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact me by telephoning 02 6969 0700 or by electronic mail at <u>riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Thanks

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