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Dear Mr Ko

**Vales Point Solar (SSD 8533)**  
**Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to the email of 8 February 2018 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of 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 and comments for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

**Recommendations**

- The Construction Environmental Management Plan should be prepared in consultation with DoI Water and should include:
  - further detail on drainage lines and the works proposed, and
  - further detail on protection, rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing freshwater wetlands.
- The Construction and Operation Environmental Management Plans should address pest/weed management and dust management.

**Comments**

The site includes existing drainage lines that convey surface water from the ash dams to Mannering Bay as well as *Phragmites australis* and *Typha orientalis* coastal freshwater wetlands of the Sydney Basin Bioregion. The proposal includes modification to the existing drainage arrangements, including establishment of a linear drain across pond 3.

It is recommended that construction of the proposed drainage line and works in proximity to existing drainage lines and the freshwater wetlands is conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (2012). This should include appropriate scour and erosion measures and revegetation of disturbed areas with local native species that achieve quick vegetative cover and root mass to maximise bed and bank stability.

Yours sincerely



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