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Dear Mr Stuckey

**Finley Solar Farm (SSD 8540)
Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

I refer to your email of 29 September 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 – Crown Lands and Water 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.

DPI has reviewed the EIS for the project and provides the following recommendations:

- The proponent should provide further detailed information regarding:
 - Land ownership and/or tenure arrangements for the three properties subject to the proposed development;
 - Impacts and mitigation for ongoing agriculture that is specific to the three properties as opposed to the broader region;
 - Details as to the extent of land forming proposed to be undertaken at the project site.
- The proponent should confirm the ability to access required water resources at the site to eliminate water access as a commercial risk.
- In the event of approval of the project, the following should be included as Conditions of Consent:
 - The Decommissioning Plan should be developed in consultation with DPI Agriculture (landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au) and should include removal of all infrastructure, above and below ground, to ensure the opportunity to return to irrigated agricultural production.
 - The proponent should prepare an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan in consultation with Crown Lands and Water (water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au)
 - All works in watercourses or on waterfront land should be undertaken in accordance with [DPI Water Guidelines on Controlled Activities \(2012\)](#).

Yours sincerely



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