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BY EMAIL

Attention: Mr Tim Stuckey

Dear Mr Stuckey,

SAPPHIRE SOLAR FARM – SSD 8643 – EIS EXHIBITION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

I refer to your email dated 24 January 2018 advising the exhibition of the development application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal.

As the proposed activity does not meet the definition of a scheduled activity in the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act), it will not require an Environment Protection Licence with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). For the purposes of the POEO Act, Inverell Shire Council will be the appropriate regulatory authority for the proposal, should consent be granted.

As such the EPA has not reviewed the EIS and has not provided any recommended conditions of approval.

Please contact Rebecca Scrivener on (02) 6773 7000 or by email to armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert O'Hern'.

ROBERT O'HERN
Head Regional Operations Unit
Environment Protection Authority