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Dear Ms Donnelley

**Gilgandra Solar Farm (SSD 6785)
Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

I refer to your email of 3 April 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands 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 and provides the following recommendations:

- While the use of gypsum to manage sodicity (sodium content) of soil is supported, the proponent should still undertake a detailed soil survey. This survey will assist in determining measures for management of groundcover on the site, as well as provide important baseline information for the final decommissioning plan. The soil survey should include both physical (soil texture, and structure) and chemical characteristics (such as acidity and nutrients), which will help in restoring final soil profile functionality, and final land use.
- The proponent should provide quantitative details of the water requirements for the purposes of maintaining groundcover and for the Bushfire Management Plan.
- DPI supports the proponent's commitment to maintain natural watercourses in the detailed design of the project. The proponent should also ensure that all works undertaken within waterfront land are done so in accordance with the DPI Water [Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land \(2012\)](#).
- Any successful determination for this project should include a Condition of Consent requiring the proponent to prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan in consultation with DPI Water (water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au) prior to commencement of activities.

Yours sincerely



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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here:

<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>