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Dear Ms Hawkeswood

Jemalong Solar (SSD 8803)
Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

I refer to your email of 21 November 2017 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Crown 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.

The department has reviewed the EIS and provides the following recommendations:

- The proponent should ensure that the site is still used for agricultural purposes as part of the land management regime.
- Any underground infrastructure should be buried at a depth greater than 800mm to allow greater opportunity for agricultural activities to continue, particularly for infrastructure that is to remain buried after decommissioning and rehabilitation.
- The final design criteria of the final land use should consider the soil and land capability of the site (Class 3), agricultural productivity (such as yield) and other indicators from land capability and soil testing to guide the return of the land back to full agricultural production. The final soil and land classification for the site should be equal to or better than the existing capability after rehabilitation.
- The proponent should clarify whether the licensing of the proposed use of water from irrigation channels under "landowners farm rights" is associated with an existing licensed entitlement or a water right associated with the landholding.
- The proponent should confirm an agreement to access the necessary water supplies and volumes.
- The proponent should provide further flood assessment to confirm the impacts of internal and external road infrastructure, and PV infrastructure installation at the site on the flood characteristics. This assessment should consider the requirements of the Floodplain Management Plan: Lachlan River: Jemalong Gap to Condobolin.
- Any approval of the project should include a condition of consent requiring that a Soil and Water Management Plan be developed in consultation with Crown lands & Water (water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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