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Dear Ms Homsey

RE: Suntop Solar Farm, 990 Suntop Road, Wellington – EIS Exhibition (SSD 8696)

Reference is made to your correspondence received on 30 May 2018 inviting comment on the above proposal to develop and operate a photovoltaic facility including ancillary works and infrastructure.

The subject site is located approximately 10km west of the Wellington township within the Dubbo Local Government Area. The site and surrounding land is cleared agricultural land with rural dwellings.

The subject site is not within the curtilage of a State Heritage Register (SHR) item. The nearest SHR items are located within the Wellington township which will not be directly impacted by the proposal. These include the Wellington Post Office, the Wellington Convict and Mission Site, and the John Fowler Steam Road Locomotive.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by Pitt and Sherry, dated May 2018 has been reviewed. It identifies the heritage items located in the vicinity including those of local heritage significance listed under the *Wellington Local Environmental Plan 2012*. The EIS concludes that there will be no impacts upon views or construction related impacts to these heritage items and recommends Mitigation Measures including an Unexpected Finds Protocol which is supported.

It is noted in the EIS that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment has been undertaken and that consultation has been carried out with Aboriginal Stakeholders to address the project SEARs. Separate comments on Aboriginal archaeological and cultural values of the project will be provided by the Regional Operations Division, Northern Region of the Office of Environment and Heritage.

If you have any questions, please contact Lily Chu, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on 02 9873 8595 or lily.chu@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW