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Dear Ms Homsey

NOTICE OF EXHIBITION FOR SPRINGDALE SOLAR FARM, SUTTON, NSW (SSD 8703)

Reference is made to your correspondence received on 13 July 2018 notifying the Heritage Council of NSW of the exhibition of, and inviting comment on, the abovementioned State Significant Development application for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a 100 megawatt solar photovoltaic plant and associated infrastructure.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Springdale Solar Farm Environmental Impact Statement, prepared by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd, dated 29 June 2018; and
- Springdale Solar Farm Historic (Non-Aboriginal) Heritage Assessment, Sutton, NSW, prepared by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd, dated 9 February 2018.

The subject site is not within the curtilage or the vicinity of any State Heritage Register (SHR) items, nor have any historical archaeology sites been identified. Consequently, no specific comments are provided as no impacts to SHR items or State or local archaeological remains have been identified.

However, it is noted that the abovementioned heritage assessment report recommends that unexpected archaeological finds protocols be imposed to manage any unforeseen finds during construction. This approach is supported and the recommendations in Section 8.2 should be imposed as conditions of consent.

The Greater Western Sydney Region Team of the Office of Environment and Heritage may provide separate comment on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Anna London, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on 02 9873 8608 or anna.london@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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