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Dear Mr Beckett

Glenellen Solar farm (SSD9550) – Greater Hume Shire

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Glenellen Solar farm proposal. DPI Agriculture (DPI) is charged with building stronger primary industries, one component of our work focuses on enhancing the productive and sustainable use of NSW's agricultural resources.

In general DPI does not raise concerns with this proposal, as it is noted that a land use conflict risk assessment and soil survey have been undertaken as requested.

DPI does not object to the subdivision of the lands within the proposed site as required for leasing land for solar purposes provided the lots created do not increase the number of dwelling opportunities on the subject land, as described in the EIS.

DPI recommends that DPIE Planning require full remediation upon decommissioning (ie removal of all above and below ground infrastructure) to ensure cropping practices at depths greater than 500mm can resume upon conclusion of this land use. DPI also recommends that an Operational Weed Management Plan (ie more formal than "weed management strategies will be implemented") be developed in consultation with neighbours.

DPI supports the proposed agri-solar arrangements to be made with the current landholders for grazing of groundcover and for weed control as this has been undertaken successfully on other solar farms across the State.

Should you require clarification on the information contained in this response, or the above assistance, please contact Lilian Parker on 02 69381906.

Yours sincerely



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