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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Via Major Projects Portal

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Dear Mr Beckett

**Maxwell Solar Farm (SSD 9820) Environmental Impact Statement  
Comments from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA)**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received 12 December 2019, seeking advice on the adequacy of the proponent's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Maxwell Solar Farm proposed development.

The proponent, Maxwell Solar Pty Ltd, proposes a photovoltaic solar plant that would have an installed capacity of approximately 25 megawatts of electricity. Associated infrastructure would include an on-site switch station via proposed overhead transmission lines, or connection to an existing on-site substation via existing and proposed overhead transmission lines. The infrastructure is proposed for the Muswellbrook local government area in New South Wales.

As explained in the EPA's letter of 26 February 2019 (EPA ref Doc19/130291-2), the proposal does not appear to involve an activity at or above the relevant threshold set out in Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Consequently, Muswellbrook Shire Council would be the appropriate regulatory authority for this proposal. I suggest that you contact Council regarding a review of the EIS.

In view of these factors, the EPA has no further interest in the proposal and no further consultation is required.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Genevieve Lorang on (02) 4908 6869 or by email to [hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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