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Dear Mr Ko

Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (SSD-10315) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Review

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Project as per your email via the Major Project Portal dated 26 March, 2021. The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Agriculture provides advice to consent authorities about the protection and growth of agricultural industries and the resources upon which these industries depend to provide economic growth.

The EIS states that at decommissioning '*Buried infrastructure such as underground cables and footings will generally remain in situ to avoid further disturbance*'. NSW DPI advises that all infrastructure at a depth less than 500mm on arable land, including improved pasture lands, should be removed during decommissioning. This is required to not impede future agricultural uses on this land.

NSW DPI also recommends that the underground transmission line that is on land mapped as Biophysical Strategic Agricultural land (BSAL) should be installed at a minimum depth of 800mm to allow for agriculture use of this land during the operational phase of the Project.

Should you have any questions please contact Helen Squires at Helen.Squires@dpi.nsw.gov.au or 0412 424 397.

Yours sincerely

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