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Dear Mr Beckett

**Culcairn Solar Farm (SSD 10288)
EIS Exhibition**

I refer to your email of 24 January 2020 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

The following recommendations are provided by DPIE Water and NRAR. Please note Crown Lands, the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) – Fisheries and DPI - Agriculture all now provide a separate response directly to you.

Prior to Approval

- The EIS has indicated that the proposal will be provided access by Greater Hume Shire Council to an existing stand pipe for water supply, or through an agreement with a local quarry. Consultation is occurring to obtain these agreements, confirmation should be obtained prior to approval of the project.

Post Approval

- Water use is likely to be around 62ML for construction. If an additional amount of water or access to a different source is required, the proponent must obtain relevant approvals and licences under the *Water Management Act 2000* prior to accessing the water.
- The proponent must obtain relevant approvals and licences under the *Water Management Act 2000* before commencing any works which intercept or extract groundwater or surface water (including from on-site dams where necessary) or for any works which have the potential to alter the flow of floodwaters.
- The proponent should ensure watercourse crossings and riparian buffers are designed in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NRAR 2018).
- The proponent should ensure that potential impacts to watercourses due to flood related impacts, such as flow diversions from project infrastructure are mitigated.
- The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan should be developed in consultation with DPIE Water.
- All works should be completed in accordance with the "Blue Book" (Landcom 2004) <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/managing-urban-stormwater-soils-and-construction-volume-1-4th-edition>

Any further referrals to DPIE – NRAR & Water can be sent by email to:
landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Any further referrals to (a) Crown Lands; (b) DPI – Fisheries; and (c) DPI – Agriculture can be sent by email to: (a) lands.ministerials@industry.nsw.gov.au;
(b) ahp.central@dpi.nsw.gov.au; and (c) landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au respectively.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Francis', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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27 February 2020