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Dear Ms Bandaruk

**Culcairn Solar Farm (SSD-10288)
RTS and AR**

I refer to your email of 11 June 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 and comments 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.

Recommendation - Prior to Approval

- The proponent should obtain an agreement to access the necessary non-potable water supply, and confirm the requirement for any additional approvals or water entitlement under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

The RTS has referred to the in principle support from Greater Hume Council to supply non-potable water for the project via a standpipe. As it is understood an agreement is yet to be in place, this remains a commercial risk to the project. In regard to the reference to accessing water from the Boral Hurricane Hill Quarry, it is recommended confirmation be obtained that this water take has the relevant approvals and water entitlement in place or is covered by a relevant exemption. Where additional approvals or water entitlement is necessary this may require further applications and impact assessment under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

Recommendations - Post Approval

- Prior to the take of water, the proponent should obtain relevant approvals and licences under the *Water Management Act 2000*.
- The proponent should ensure works within waterfront land are in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NRAR 2018).

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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