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Ms Elisha Dunn Department of Planning

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Dear Ms Dunn

New Request for Advice - Nevertire Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-8072-Mod-4) (Warren LGA)

Thank you for your notification dated 16 February 2022 regarding the assessment of the above proposal.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend. In this case we acknowledge the proposed development being the creation of a 2.5ha lot and Battery Energy Storage System on Lot 38 DP775292 is deemed permissible by 34(2A) of the SEPP Infrastructure 2007 due to location adjacent to the Nevertire Solar Farm on Lots 1 and 2 DP1258306.

The proposed subdivision of the vacant Lot 38 (approximately 24ha) will create a residue lot of 21.5ha within the RU1 Primary Production zone, which has a 1000ha minimum lot size under the Warren LEP 2012. Lot 38 has Land and Soil Capability Class 3 land, being used for irrigated cropping as part of a larger holding.

In terms of agricultural capability, it will be necessary to ensure weed management is carried out to prevent impacts on adjoining agricultural land, and post-development, it is important that the new parcel can be rehabilitated to enable cropping at the end of the BESS life.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please contact Nita Scott, Agricultural Land Use Planning Officer on 0487 023 845 or by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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