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Subject: **Daroobalgie Solar Farm (SSD-10387) – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Dear Mr Canon

I refer to your email of 17 March 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

This proposal is for the development of a 100 MW solar farm with energy storage and associated infrastructure in Forbes Shire.

The following recommendations are provided by DPE Water.

Prior to determination

The proponent should:

- Clarify the number and location of dams which are to be retained and removed by the project.
- Confirm the availability of an appropriately authorised water supply to meet the construction requirements. Should additional water supply works or water entitlement be required, this needs to be clearly identified and assessed for impacts and the ability to acquire entitlement.

Post determination

The proponent should:

- Ensure the location of the poles and associated works for the Electricity Transmission Line consider the Guidelines for Controlled Activities (NRAR 2018).
- Prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan and include erosion and sediment control mitigating measures consistent with the guideline, “Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom 2004)”.

Explanation

Conflicting information has been provided between the Main EIS report and Appendix G which state four dams will be retained and three are to be retained respectively.

DPE Water is uncertain as to the water source and availability of water to be tankered to the site to meet the construction water demands of 18ML for dust suppression and 0.25ML for potable supply.

The location of the poles and associated works for the Electricity Transmission Line should be setback from any watercourses in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities (NRAR 2018). These can be found at: <https://www.nrar.nsw.gov.au/how-to-apply/controlled-activities/guidelines-for-controlled-activities>

Please note that the licensing and approval function has now moved from NRAR to DPE Water. Any further referrals to DPE Water can be sent by email to water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au or to the following coordinating officer within DPE Water:

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Yours sincerely



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