



Planning Services

Resource Assessments

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Dear Mr Wood

Jemalong Solar (SSD 8803) Environmental Assessment Requirements

I have attached the Environmental Assessment Requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jemalong Solar Farm.

The requirements are based on the information you have provided to date, and have been prepared in consultation with the relevant government agencies. The agencies comments are attached for your information (see Attachment 2).

In view of the fact that substantial biodiversity assessment was undertaken on the site prior to the commencement of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW), the Department agrees that further assessment in accordance with that Act is not required, provided an application is lodged within 18 months of this letter. Nevertheless, a biodiversity assessment in accordance with the attached Environmental Assessment Requirements should form part of the EIS.

If your proposal contains any actions that could have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, then it will also require approval under the Commonwealth's *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

This approval is in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation. If you have any questions about the application of the EPBC Act to your proposal, you should contact the Department of the Environment in Canberra (6274 1111 or www.environment.gov.au).

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you plan to submit the development application and EIS for the project. This will enable the Department to:

- confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*); and
- determine the required number of copies of the EIS.

It is important for you to recognise that the Department will review the EIS for the project before putting it on public exhibition. If it fails to adequately address these requirements, you will be required to submit an amended EIS.

Finally, the development application must be accompanied by the consent in writing of the owner of the land (as required in clause 49(1)(b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*).

Yours sincerely

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Director
Resource & Energy Assessments
as nominee of the Secretary