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24/02/2021

Dear Mr Kirk,

**New England Solar Farm (SSD 9255)  
Alternate Intersection Road Upgrade Treatment**

I refer to the letter dated 24 February 2021, requesting the Secretary's approval for an alternate road upgrade treatment at the intersection of the New England Highway and Barleyfields Road (north) for the New England Solar Farm, which would change the design from a channelised right turn (CHR) treatment to a channelised right turn short (CHR-S) treatment at this intersection.

The Department notes the CHR-S treatment has been developed in consultation with TfNSW, who are supportive of this treatment and have identified several key benefits associated with this treatment, compared to the CHR treatment approved under the development consent, including:

- a reduction in the overall scope and duration of the road upgrade works;
- improved road safety outcomes at the intersection; and
- a better response to the operational demands of the project and highway traffic requirements following the construction phase of the project.

The amended treatment would also be subject to a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) with TfNSW in accordance with the applicable Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and TfNSW supplements.

In addition, the Traffic Management Plan (TMP), which has also been reviewed and endorsed by TfNSW, incorporates appropriate monitoring, management and mitigation measures to minimise the potential impacts associated with the CHR-S treatment on the road network.

Accordingly, under condition 4 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent for the New England Solar Farm, the Secretary has approved your request for an alternate intersection road upgrade treatment at the intersection of the New England Highway and Barleyfields Road (north).

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Lander Robinson on 02 9274 6052 or at [Lander.Robinson@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Lander.Robinson@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Brewer', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicole Brewer  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary