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Dear Roger

DA 2020-029 – Hay 2A Solar Farm and subdivision

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the above proposal via the Agency Concurrence and Referral portal. The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

NSW DPI Agriculture has reviewed the proposal against the documents listed in Attachment 1. The land is identified as Class 5 which is not constrained. The following commitments made in the Statement of Environmental Effects are noted and supported:

- Native ground cover to be restored and maintained following construction with appropriate grazing to be conducted under panels
- Complete removal of all above and below ground infrastructure so that the land can be returned to agricultural production upon decommissioning.

To achieve this, a baseline soil conditions report should be prepared prior to the project commencing so that rehabilitation plans and performance measures can be developed to inform the decommissioning process.

NSW DPI Agriculture also notes that the proposed subdivision to meet Essential Energy connection requirements. As the identified land parcel is already under the Minimum Lot Size for the RU1 zone, NSW DPI Agriculture will not object to the subdivision provided no dwelling entitlements are created.

Should you require clarification on the information contained in this response, please contact me on (02) 69381906 or via Landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1: Recommended Guidelines and Resources

Title	Location
Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment Guide	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/412551/Land-use-conflict-risk-assessment-LUCRA-guide.pdf
Infrastructure Proposals on Rural Land	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/359030/infrastructure-proposals-on-rural-land.pdf
The land and soil capability assessment scheme: second approximation 2012 (OEH)	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Land-and-soil/land-soil-capability-assessment-scheme-120394.pdf
Australian Soil and Land Survey Handbook (CSIRO)	
Guidelines for Surveying Soil and Land Resources (CSIRO)	
Wind Energy Visual Assessment Bulletin: December 2016	https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/~media/Files/DPE/Bulletins-and-Community-Updates/wind-energy-visual-assessment-bulletin-2016-12.ashx
Large Scale Solar Energy Guideline (DPE)	https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Renewable-Energy/Large-scale-Solar-Energy-Guideline