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Dear Mr Kirk

**New England Solar Farm (SSD-9255-PA-11)  
Staging of Construction**

I refer to your letter dated 15 January 2021 proposing to submit any strategy, plan or program required by the development consent for the New England Solar Farm (SSD-9255) on a progressive basis.

The Department has carefully considered the proposed staging and notes that construction will be undertaken in two stages:

- Stage 1: Construction of a 400 megawatt (MW) solar farm within the Northern Array;
- Stage 2: Construction of a 320MW solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) within the balance of the Northern Array and Central Array. Stage 2 will commence approximately 12-18 months after the commencement of Stage 1.

The Department notes that you intend to lodge the following plans and strategies on a progressive basis:

Stage 1

- Traffic Management Plan (Stage 1);
- Accommodation and Employment Strategy (Stage 1);
- Historic Heritage Management Plan;
- Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan;
- Biodiversity Management Plan; and
- Environmental Management Strategy.

Stage 2

- Traffic Management Plan (Stage 2); and
- Accommodation and Employment Strategy (Stage 2).

Accordingly, under condition 3 of Schedule 4 of the development consent SSD-9255 the Planning Secretary approves the staging of the development and the submission of the relevant strategies, plans or programs required by the development consent (and detailed above) on a progressive basis.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406 or [wayne.jones@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wayne.jones@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Brewer  
Director  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary