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Ms Lynette Lablack

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Lablack

I refer to your email dated 18 March 2021 to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) raising concerns about land contamination associated with the Bomen Solar Farm.

The EPA has responsibilities for pollution control and environmental management for scheduled activities under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act). Under Schedule 1 of the POEO Act 1997, electricity works that generate electricity through the use of solar or wind are not scheduled. This means that the EPA is not the appropriate regulatory authority for solar farms in NSW.

In accordance with the POEO Act 1997 the Local Government Authority is the appropriate regulatory authority for activities that are not scheduled under the Act. In this instance, the appropriate regulatory authority is Wagga Wagga City Council.

As discussed with you on 1 April 2021, we note your email is raising concerns about damaged solar farms in general and that you are not aware of any direct damage or contamination at the Bomen Solar Farm. We note you have previously spoken to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) as the consent authority for the Bomen Solar Farm. We recommend you continue consulting with DPIE about any concerns you have relating to the development approval granted for the site or with Wagga Wagga City Council about operational impacts from the farm.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact me by telephoning 02 6969 0700 or by electronic mail at [riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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