



Ms Lynelle Briggs
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Planning Assessment Commission
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Dear Ms Briggs

Beryl Solar Farm (SSD 8183)

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the Beryl Solar Farm (SSD 8183).

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the application is referred to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination, as there were more than 25 objections to the proposal.

During the exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS), the Department received a total of 37 submissions, including 8 from government agencies, 1 from a special interest group and 28 from the general public, of which 27 were by way of objection. None of the government agencies object to the proposal.

During the assessment process, the Department visited the site on two occasions, and consulted with local residents, the local Council and government agencies. In particular, the Department met with a number of local residents that lodged a submission at their residences to gain a better understanding of their concerns.

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report and other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

For further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Mr Clay Preshaw, Director Resource and Energy Assessments, on (02) 9274 6349.

Yours sincerely

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