



24 October 2023

Iwan Davies  
Director  
Energy Assessments  
Department of Planning and Environment

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Iwan,

### **Oxley Solar Farm (SSD 10346) - Request for Comment**

I refer to the State significant development application for the Oxley Solar Farm (SSD-10346) (**Application**), currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

The Commission would be assisted by the Department of Planning and Environment forwarding the below request from the Commission to the NSW Energy Corporation (EnergyCo).

1. The Commission heard from speakers at the public meeting who raised the following concerns about the Oxley Solar Farm:
  - a. potential impacts on grid security and reliability
  - b. the capacity and performance of the project's BESS to meet NSW's electricity storage targets for the New England REZ
  - c. potential impacts on transmission network costs and energy prices.

Can EnergyCo please provide advice in relation to the above concerns, and outline how the Oxley Solar Farm would contribute to NSW's transition to renewable energy.

The transcript for the public meeting can be found on the Commission's website [here](#) (refer in particular to pages 28-29 and 30-32 of the transcript for the relevant speaker submissions).

The Commission will consider any response received by **5pm on Thursday 2 November 2023**.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Bradley James, Principal Case Manager, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

**Stephen Barry**  
Planning Director