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Mr Tim Kirk
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UPC Renewables Australia

By email: tim.kirk@upc-ac.com

Dear Mr Kirk,

New England Solar Farm (SSD 9255)

Thankyou for your time to meet and present some information on the New England Solar Farm Project on the 24 January 2020. In its consideration of the abovementioned application, the Independent Planning Commission (the **Commission**) has identified a number of matters that require further clarification. These matters were outlined during the Commission's meeting with UPC Renewables (the **Applicant**) on Friday 24 January 2020.

The Commission seeks clarification from the Applicant on the following:

1. Whether temporary height poles, which are comparable to the height of the proposed solar panels, could be installed as a visual reference for the site inspection on 12 February 2020?
2. As discussed in the meeting, the Applicant is seeking approval for two solar panel design options, A and B. What is the difference between the solar array development footprint of options A and B?
3. Can you confirm the solar array pylon spacing and depth by providing drawings of the typical layouts?
4. Can you indicate what proportion of the workforce will be skilled and unskilled labour?
5. Can you provide an estimate of the likely cost to remove all infrastructure as described in the EIS and decommission the Project in order to return the land to its pre-existing agricultural use. Where possible, provide an estimate of the volumes of waste material outlining any opportunities for reuse and recycling ?
6. In relation to condition 11 - Construction, Upgrading and Decommissioning Hours, could you please provide a list of the activities that could be undertaken outside of the normal work hours that would be inaudible at non-associated receivers?

The Commission would be grateful if the Applicant could provide a response to these matters by the close of business **Friday 7 February 2020**.

If you have any questions, please contact Brad James, Senior Planning Officer, on 9383 2165 or at bradley.james@ipcn.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Helen Mulcahy
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