

Department of Planning and Environment

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Dear Mr Matthews

**Wyalong Solar Farm - (SSD-9564)
Independent Environmental Audit # 1 - construction June 2022 - Nov 2022**

Reference is made to the first Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) report [and Response to Audit Recommendations (RAR)] for the Wyalong Solar Farm submitted as required by Schedule 4 condition 7 of SSD 9564 (the consent) to the Department of Planning and Environment (the department) on 8 March 2023.

The department considers the IEA report to generally satisfy the reporting requirements of the consent. Please note that acceptance of this report is not an endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

It is noted that the IEA report and RAR was submitted on 8 March 2023. Schedule 4 condition 7 of the consent requires the IEA report to be submitted within 3 months of the IEA commencing. The inspection date of the 14 November 2022 would be deemed commencement of the IEA.

The non-compliance identified in the IEA and the delay in submitting the IEA report and RAR have been assessed in accordance with the department's Compliance Policy with the department on this occasion, determining to record the breaches with no further enforcement action. However, please note that recording the breaches does not preclude the department from taking alternative enforcement action, should it become apparent that an alternative response is more appropriate.

In accordance with Schedule 4 condition 8 of the consent please ensure a copy of the IEA report and the RAR is uploaded on the site's website within 14 days of the date of this letter and the website is up to date with all required documents and information.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 0429400261 or compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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