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Via email: goulburn@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mrs Tuckerman

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Ms Dianne Burgess from the Sutton Solar Action Group regarding the Springdale Solar Farm.

I appreciated meeting with the Sutton Solar Action Group and can assure Ms Burgess that the concerns of the local community will be fully considered in the assessment process.

As you are aware, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) has now received the proponent's response to submissions report, which has been published on the NSW Planning Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9756.

The Department is currently finalising its assessment of the proposal in accordance with applicable policies and guidelines, having regard to public submissions and advice from key Government agencies.

Once the assessment is complete, the application will be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) for determination. The Commission will conduct its own community consultation processes, subject to any COVID-19 health restrictions.

Finally, the Department held a teleconference with the Sutton Solar Action Group on 26 June 2020 to discuss a range of residual concerns in detail. Again, I can assure you that these matters will be considered by the Department as it finalises its assessment.

In the meantime, if the group has any further comment they are welcome to contact Mr Anthony Ko, Team Leader Energy Assessments, at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on anthony.ko@planning.nsw.gov.au or 8217 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and your constituents.

Yours sincerely

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