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Submitted via email to paul.moran@eirgrid.com and john.mcguckin@eirgrid.com

Dear Paul and John,

The document attached sets out the views and observations of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) on "Solar Farm Clearance Consultation". IWEA very much welcomes the opportunity to make this submission.

IWEA is the leading renewable energy representative body in Ireland and as such has an active interest in the potential and capacity for renewable energy development, and in particular wind energy, in Ireland. IWEA works in a proactive and engaging manner with stakeholders in this area and as such feels it is both appropriate and important to make a submission on this subject.

IWEA believes that these requirements have been issued without any reference to an industry standard. IWEA is concerned that this may unnecessarily preclude renewable developments including wind in the future. Therefore, EirGrid should for good practise provide justification for all specifications as they are being developed which they have not done in this case.

Yours sincerely,



David Connolly
Head of Policy

Comments and Observations

Date:	Respondent:	Project: Solar Farm Clearance Draft Policy
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1.	Solar Farm Clearances Draft Policy		te	Requirements have issued without any reference to an industry standard. IWEA is concerned that this may unnecessarily preclude renewable developments including wind in the future.	EirGrid should for good practise provide justification for all specifications as they are being developed which they have not done in this case.	
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