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Department of Planning, Industry & Environment  
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Dear Ms Bandaruk

### **SSD-9438 – BONSHAW SOLAR FARM**

Reference is made to the proposed Bonshaw Solar Farm, SSD-9438 and the Department's email dated 30 October 2019.

Council acknowledges the benefits of the project at a local and regional scale. It is understood that the project will improve security of electricity supply, create employment opportunities and will contribute to the State and Federal Governments' targets for renewable energy and reduction in green house gas emissions. Council anticipates that the project has the potential for economic benefits to the local economy through the use of the local contractors and local services, particularly during the construction phase.

Noting the positive implications of the project, Inverell Shire Council also seeks to ensure that the project is constructed and operated in a way that any potential negative impacts on the local and wider communities are minimised.

One of the primary areas of focus for Council is to ensure adequate measures are in place during the construction phase of the project so that impacts on Council's local infrastructure, including roads, bridges and causeways will be minimised. Should consent be granted, Council considers that suitable conditions should be included on the Project Approval in relation to:

- Independent road dilapidation reporting prior to construction, for all local and state roads;
- Ongoing and regular measures to restore and reinstate road damage resulting from construction of the project;
- After construction, a subsequent report to assess the damage that may have resulted from construction;
- Council being involved in the design, assessment and approval of the site access off the Bruxner Way; and
- Council being able to review and provide input into the Traffic Control Plan and the Construction Traffic Management Plan.

Inverell Shire Council is confident that the Department's assessment and determination will be thorough and that appropriate conditions will be placed on the Project Approval to ensure the likely impacts are adequately mitigated and that corrective action, where necessary can be undertaken should it be found that during the project life there are unforeseen impacts on a local and regional scale.

With a view to ensuring the most appropriate and transparent outcome for all stakeholders including the proponent, Council and the local community; Inverell Council requests the opportunity to view the draft conditions on the Project Approval during the same period in which the proponent is given to review them.

If the Department intends on undertaking site inspections as part of the assessment, Council would also like the opportunity to be involved. Should you have any queries or require further clarification please contact me on 0425271633.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Alliston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**ANTHONY ALLISTON**  
**MANAGER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**