



Appendix M
RAP CONSULTATION RECORDS

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From: Pamela Chauvel
Sent: Tuesday, 17 October 2023 2:52 PM
To: information@ntscorp.com.au; Joseph Murphy
Subject: Sundown Solar Farm: project update

Hi All,

Thank you for your ongoing involvement in EMM's Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (ACHA) of the proposed Sundown Solar Farm, east of Inverell, NSW. I'm writing to provide an update on the project.

Thank you to everyone who provided a response to the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment. This was submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment at the end of last year. We have now received a response from Heritage NSW to which we are responding. A link to their comments can be found here:

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=PAE-59816211%2120230802T054138.010%20GMT>

We will be in touch again with more updates as the approval process progresses.

Kind regards,
Pamela

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Pamela Chauvel

From: Pamela Chauvel
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 9:08 AM
To: Pamela Chauvel
Cc: Alan Williams; Mary-Anne Siebert
Subject: Sundown Solar Farm ACHA update

Dear all,

Thank you for your ongoing involvement in the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (ACHA) of the proposed Sundown Solar Farm, east of Inverell, NSW. I'm writing to provide an update on the project.

When we wrote to you in October 2023, we had just received a response from Heritage NSW regarding the draft ACHA. We are still developing a reply to the response to submission and will be in touch with more updates as the approval process progresses.

Kind regards,
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From: Pamela Chauvel
Sent: Tuesday, 21 January 2025 1:02 PM
To: Pamela Chauvel
Cc: Alan Williams; Mary-Anne Siebert
Subject: Sundown Solar Farm ACHA update

Dear all,

Thank you for your continuing involvement in the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment for the Sundown Solar Farm Project. I'm writing to provide a brief update. As you may be aware, the assessment for the project has been submitted to the NSW government for their consideration, as well as it being put on public exhibition. As a result, a series of additional information and/or questions were sought from the proponent to assist the NSW government in reaching a decision on whether to approve the project or not. These questions extended across a range of environmental disciplines, including heritage. At this stage, the proponent is proposing to provide a response to the questions in February 2025; and this will then enable the NSW government to continue their review of the project. In terms of Aboriginal heritage, there will be little further activity until the NSW government reaches their decision, but we will keep you informed as we receive information on the process.

Further, as we have previously advised, during an ecological survey in February 2024, it was noted that a fallen log with a potential cultural scar was removed by unrelated ongoing farming activity across the project area. This was self-reported to Heritage NSW in March 2024 for their investigation. We have received a response from Heritage NSW on 16 December 2024 providing the proponent with a formal warning for unauthorised harm and requiring a series of required actions. These have included the need to formally advise all landowners of the cultural materials across the site, and their suitable recording on government databases (both of which have now been completed).

Kind regards,
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From: [Alan Williams](#)
To: [Alan Williams](#)
Cc: [Carmela Chiosso](#); [Barbara Sedat](#)
Bcc:

Subject: Sundown Solar Farm (SSSF0911) - ACHA - notification of impact to AHIMS 11-4-0169
Date: Tuesday, 30 July 2024 10:14:00 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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Dear Ali,

Thank you for your ongoing involvement in the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (ACHA) of the proposed Sundown Solar Farm, east of Inverell, NSW.

As you are aware, during the 2021 heritage survey of the proposed Sundown Solar Farm, nine potential culturally modified trees were identified within the study area. This included SSF-ST7 which consisted of a tree with two potential scars on it and a fallen tree branch with one potential scar on it (three in total) (see Photo 1 and Photo 2).

During an ecology survey in February 2024, it was noted that the fallen tree branch portion of SSF-ST7 was no longer present, although the tree and the two remaining scars remain intact (see Photo 3). It is not known how the fallen log portion of SSF-ST7 came to be removed. Our investigations suggest that this may have been the result of ongoing agricultural practices, including burn-off, since 2022. Since this discovery, Sundown Solar Farm has given all landowners within the study area suitable information that they require to protect identified sites on their property as a result of the project's investigations.

On 6 March 2024, Sundown Solar Farm notified Heritage NSW of the missing portion of SSF-ST7 and asked for direction on any requirements, mitigation or other actions that may need to be undertaken. It was anticipated that the department would provide timely advice and that Sundown Solar Farm would then be able to provide an update to RAPs about what happened and what action has been taken to address the issue prior to our recent updates in April 2024. While Heritage NSW has been in touch, they have unfortunately not provided specific advice or next steps to Sundown Solar Farm at this time. Given the lengthy delays and our interest in transparency, we wanted to advise your organisation of the situation now, albeit without direction on next steps from the regulator.

We will provide an update to your organisation once advice from Heritage NSW has been received, and any next steps identified.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist with any comments or queries.

Thanks
Al



Photo 1: SSF-ST7 in 2021, comprising a tree and a fallen log.



Photo 2: Close up of the scar in the fallen log portion of SSF-ST7 during the 2021 survey



Photo 3: SSF-ST7 with the fallen log portion missing, in 2024

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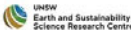
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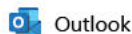
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Sundown Solar Farm - ACH - project update

From Alan Williams <awilliams@emmconsulting.com.au>

Date Fri 30-May-25 3:24 PM

To Alan Williams <awilliams@emmconsulting.com.au>

Cc Pamela Chauvel <pchauvel@emmconsulting.com.au>; Mary-Anne Siebert <msiebert@emmconsulting.com.au>; Paul Freeman <pfreeman@emmconsulting.com.au>

Dear All,

Thank you for your continuing involvement in the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment for the Sundown Solar Farm project. Since it has been nearly six months, since our last communication on this project, I'm writing to provide a brief update.

As part of the development application, a draft Submissions Report was provided to the NSW government in February 2025 for their consideration. Recurrent Energy (the Applicant) is currently responding to a few subsequent requests for information regarding this Report and it is expected that the final Submissions Report will be submitted in June 2025. None of these additional requested involved Aboriginal heritage. This will then enable the NSW government to continue their review of the project.

In terms of Aboriginal heritage the location and footprint of the project has not changed since previous correspondence and therefore no additional impacts to Aboriginal heritage. We will keep you informed as we receive information on the process of the development application going forward.

Please let us know if you have any questions in the interim.

Thanks
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