



9th July 2015

Mr Neville Osborne
NSW Department of Planning
Sydney NSW 2000

Reference A: MP 10_0121, Capital Solar Farm

Addendum to Modification 2 – Request for extension of Project Approval

Dear Mr Osborne,

Project Background

Capital Solar Farm is a proposed fixed array photovoltaic solar farm development located north of Bungendore, NSW. Capital Solar Farm Pty Ltd (the Proponent) received Project Approval from the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission for the construction and operation of Capital Solar Farm on 21 December 2011. Approval was granted for a 50 MW solar farm and associated electrical and civil infrastructure.

Condition of Consent A4 granted a term of five years for the Project Approval. The Proponent now seeks a three year extension to condition A4.

Justification

The Project is currently at an advanced stage of development. In regards to the key elements of the project:

- a. All land is secured by options to lease or crown licences.
- b. A connection agreement has been executed and the network service provider has completed the required high voltage connection works.
- c. All resource assessments are complete.
- d. Detailed project design has been completed, though is currently being revisited due to improvements in technology.
- e. The CEMP has been approved and substantial on site tree screening works have been completed.
- f. Agreement has been reached by all parties regarding biodiversity offsets. These agreements would be executed just prior to commencing construction.

Despite the advanced stage of the project, the high degree of political uncertainty that was created by the Commonwealth Government's review of the Renewable Energy Target prevented this project from progressing to the construction phase. This was an issue that impacted upon the entire renewable energy industry, with investment falling by 88% in 2014. With the recent bipartisan passage of amendments to the renewable energy target legislation, this major obstacle to construction appears to have been finally removed.

The construction of circa 50MW of solar PV at the Capital Solar Farm site will increase the utility scale solar farm deployment in NSW by approximately 24%. In so doing, the

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Proponent will also be assisting the NSW Government to meet the objectives of the NSW Renewable Energy Action Plan, 2013 and the NSW 2021 plan of reaching a renewable energy target of 20% by 2020.

Since the original approval was granted in December 2010, there have been no material changes to the local environment (with the exception that the Proponent has planted several thousand trees as part of the screening plan and sought to control the noxious weeds on site). There has been no new houses constructed within view of the solar farm or within 1000m of the Project site.

Landowner Consent

The Proponent has consulted with the landowners regarding this request. Please refer to the letter at Attachment 1.

Political Donations Statement

A political donations statement was submitted on 19 June 2015.

Regards,

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David Griffin
General Manager – Development

Attachment: 1. Land Owner Letter of Consent

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Application MP 10_0121 Capital Solar Farm - Modification 2 (Extension of Project Approval)

Dear Mr Osborne,

I am the owner of the land upon which all the solar arrays are approved to be placed for the proposed Capital Solar Farm near Bungendore. I support the Proponent's Modification 2 application to extend the Project Approval by a further three years.

Kind Regards,

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Dominic Osborne