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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: SSD-9438. Bonshaw Solar Farm. Response to Submissions. Lot 2 DP 11039185, Bruxner Highway Bonshaw.**

I refer to your emails of 30 March and 13 April 2020 requesting comment from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in relation to the abovementioned development proposal.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

From 1 December 2019, all functions and responsibilities of Roads and Maritime Services will now be vested in an integrated Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Our key interests are for the safety and efficiency of the transport network, the integrity of State infrastructure and the integration of land use and transport in accordance with *Future Transport Strategy 2056*.

Bruxner Highway (MR462) is a classified (Regional) road under the *Roads Act 1993* (Roads Act). Inverell Shire Council is the roads authority for all public roads (other than freeways or Crown roads) in the local government area pursuant to Section 7 of the Roads Act. TfNSW is the roads authority for freeways and can exercise roads authority functions for classified roads in accordance with the Roads Act.

Council is responsible for setting standards, determining priorities and carrying out works on Local and Regional roads. However, TfNSW concurrence is required prior to Council's approval of works on classified (Regional) roads under Section 138 (S138) of the *Roads Act 1993*.

In accordance with Clause 101 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (ISEPP) the Consent Authority is to have consideration for the safety, efficiency and ongoing operation of the classified road as the development has frontage to a classified road.

### **Transport for NSW Response**

TfNSW has reviewed the referred information and raises the following concerns:

1. The Traffic Impact Assessment ('TIA') has not fully addressed all the issues identified in TfNSW letter of 25 November 2019:
  - (i) An assessment of the proposed access in accordance with the *Austrroads Guide to Traffic Management Pt. 6* and *Guide to Road Design Pt. 4A* was not included in the TIA. It is important that the TIA identify if any improvements are required to maintain the safety for through and turning traffic during the construction and operational phases.
  - (ii) No swept paths at key intersections were provided for the largest vehicle that will traverse the transport routes, especially at the Bruxner Highway access.
  - (iii) A plan of onsite parking and servicing arrangements was not provided.

This information above should be forwarded to TfNSW for consideration and advice prior to determination.

It should be noted that any roadworks required on the Bruxner Highway will require the submission of a S138 Application to Inverell Shire Council which is then referred onto TfNSW for concurrence prior to approval and any roadworks commencing.

2. The proposed Traffic Control Plan (TCP) should include a Temporary Roadworks Speed Zone that operates during construction working hours and for any roadworks.

TfNSW recommends that the additional documentation addressing the abovementioned concerns be submitted for further consideration. Upon receipt of the additional documentation, TfNSW will review the information and consider any request to provide further comment.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Greg Sciffer, Development Assessment Officer on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: [development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au)

Yours faithfully,

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