

Forest Glen Solar Farm

The Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands has reviewed the proposal.

No Crown land/roads/waterways are contained within the project footprint, however two Crown roads adjoin the project footprint, to the south and east of Lot 6 DP 755102.

For use and access to Crown roads

As per Table 1-1 Summary of key features of the proposal, of the Forest Glen Solar Farm EIS Final Report, Crown Lands notes that there are a number of Crown roads adjoining the project area. These roads may provide legal access to the development but may not provide practical access. The Department advises that these roads should not be relied upon for practical access to the project site. Should transmission lines need to be placed on or over Crown roads, the Department will need to be referenced prior to any use or occupation of any Crown roads or land, during the assessment phase.

It is noted in Table 1-2 of the Forest Glen Solar Farm EIS, Delroy Road is listed incorrectly as Crown Land/road. Delroy Road is a Local Government Authority Road and Dubbo Regional Council is the controlling authority.

Authority to use, traverse, access or build infrastructure on Crown land and roads is required under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and/or the *Roads Act 1993*. It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands as early as possible to discuss and initiate the processes required to authorise the use of and/or access to Crown land and roads.

If infrastructure needs to be built on Crown land or roads, the consent of the Minister for Lands and Water must be obtained, via Crown Lands, and constructed roads may need to be transferred to Council. Further information regarding land owner's consent for Crown land and roads can be found at the following link:

https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/144345/landowners-consent-application-form.pdf

There are multiple Crown roads, including Crown roads with enclosure permits, adjoining the proposed development area. Please refer to the attached map, where Crown roads with enclosure permits are shown in green. Any Crown road required for access to the development/proposal, will need to be transferred to Council, or application made to close and purchase the roads. As authority to access or use Crown roads is required prior to the commencement of any works or access, and to avoid any delays for the proposal, a tenure may be required in the interim. More information regarding Crown roads and Enclosure permits can be found at the following links:

- <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/access/roads>
- <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/enclosure-permits>

Lineal Infrastructure (e.g. Pipelines and/or Electricity Transmission lines) traversing Crown land/roads

If lineal infrastructure (such as electricity transmission lines) are expected to traverse Crown roads, an easement over said Crown roads will be required for protection of the infrastructure. To discuss easement requirements, please contact the Acquisitions team at the earliest opportunity at: cl.acquisitions@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

In order for transmission lines to traverse Crown roads, the proponent will need to apply for easements.

Information regarding the easement process is available at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/easements>

As the easement process may be lengthy, it is also recommended that the proponent apply for a licence for each Crown road and Crown land lot as soon as possible. A licence will temporarily authorise use and access for the infrastructure to traverse Crown roads and Crown land whilst the easement applications are being processed.

Details on how to apply for a licence are available at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/licences>

The Department may also need to consider the transfer of the affected Crown roads to the local Council.

It is important to note that licences or easements must be in place before infrastructure can traverse Crown land or roads.

It is important to note that authority must be in place before Crown land or roads can be used, traversed, accessed or infrastructure can be built.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Karen Hocking, Senior Property Management Officer in Crown Lands, on 02 6883 3332 or at karen.hocking@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Diagram – project area and Crown roads

Outline yellow – project area

Outline green – Crown roads with enclosure permits

