

Marulan Solar Farm

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

Crown roads are contained within the project footprint of Lot 55 DP 1141136 and adjoining the south eastern boundary of Lot 55 DP 1141136.

For use and access to Crown land/roads/waterways

As per section 3.2 of the Environmental Impact Statement, Crown Lands notes that there are two Crown roads within 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. It is also noted in Figure 13 that underground cabling may be placed under 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.

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 noted that an application has been received to close and purchase the impacted Crown roads.

If infrastructure needs to be built on the Crown roads, consent under s138 of the Roads Act 1993 will be required it is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands as early as possible to discuss and initiate any additional processes required to authorise the use of and/or access to Crown land and roads while the application to close and purchase is being determined.

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

If lineal infrastructure (such as pipelines and/or electricity transmission lines) are expected to traverse Crown land or roads, an easement over said Crown land or 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.

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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.

It is noted that an application has been received for a licence to cover the areas of road potentially impacted by the project while the application to close and purchase the impacted Crown roads is determined.

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

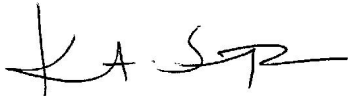
It is important to note that authority must be in place before Crown land or roads can be used, traversed, accessed or infrastructure can be built.

Biodiversity/Environmental

Crown Lands notes that the proposal has identified low ongoing management and maintenance for Crown land/roads involved in the project area, and the consequences if mismanaged, however long-term management and maintenance strategies were not specified for when the Crown land/road is no longer required for the proposal. Can this please be addressed by the proponent.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Sue Shallis, Senior Property Management Officer in Crown Lands, on 4824 3761 or at sue.shallis@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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