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## Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

**Proposal:** Burroway Solar Farm.

**Major Project reference:** SSD-55968733

**Received:** 11 October 2024

Dear Rita,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. Heritage NSW understands that the project involves the development of a 100-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic generator with an estimated 100 MW / 400 MW per hour energy storage capacity.

In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Environmental Impact Statement - prepared by Kleinfelder, dated 30 April 2024
- Appendix H - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - prepared by OzArk Environment and Heritage, dated September 2023

Following the review of the above documents, Heritage NSW concurs with the recommended management and mitigation measures present in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), however additional information is required to ensure that the ACHAR adequately addresses the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project. Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Corey O'Driscoll, Practice Lead at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or [heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

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As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*  
6 November 2024

## Attachment A – Detailed Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advice

### Consultation

1. We request that additional documentation of the consultation process be provided. The applicant needs to provide evidence that consultation was kept continuous as the last consultation recorded in the ACHAR is dated August 2023. Heritage NSW requires that consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) is continuous. Under our policy and guidelines, breaks in consultation of over six months may not constitute continuous consultation.

### Code of Practice Compliance

2. Heritage NSW notes that the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) search is greater than 12 months old at the time of submission. Heritage NSW generally requires, as per Requirement 1b of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010), that AHIMS searches are less than 12 months old. Please provide an updated AHIMS search.
3. As per Section 89A of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, please ensure that all Aboriginal objects and sites are registered with the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) in a reasonable timeframe. The 15 sites identified during survey have not been provided to AHIMS.

### Management and Mitigation Measures

4. Please update to relevant departmental names throughout the ACHAR.
5. Please include the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Compliance contact details ([compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au)) in the unexpected finds protocol