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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 Ms Hatem,

Thank you for your referral dated 11 October 2024 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Relevant sections of *Burroway Solar Farm Environmental Impacts Statement*, Kleinfelder Australia Pty Ltd, 30 April 2024, in particular the following appendices:
- Appendix I: *Historic Heritage Assessment Report Burroway Solar Power Station*, OzArk Environment & Heritage, 13/09/2023; and
- Appendix M: *Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment Kookaburra 1955 Eumungerie Road Burroway NSW*, Kleinfelder Australia Pty Ltd, 20 February 2023.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, we provide the following comments:

- The subject site is not included on any statutory heritage list and is not in the vicinity of any listed heritage items.
- The historic homestead 'Kookaburra' is adjacent to the project area. The Historic Heritage Assessment Report (HHAR) has assessed that 'Kookaburra' (identified in the HHAR as HS1) does not meet the threshold for State or local significance. However, should the project area be

amended in the future to include 'Kookaburra' and its immediate surrounds a detailed assessment of its historical archaeological potential and heritage significance should be undertaken.

- The HHAR has assessed that there were no locations within the project area with potential to contain significant historic subsurface archaeological deposits.
- The HHAR has recommended an unanticipated finds protocol be implemented during construction. Heritage NSW supports this assessment. Please refer to Attachment A for recommended draft conditions for historical archaeology.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Anna Simanowsky, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

23 October 2024

Attachment A - Burroway Solar Farm (SSD-55968733)

Recommended Draft Conditions for Historical Archaeology

Historical Archaeology

- 1) All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid harm, modification of, or impact to, relics except as authorised by this approval.
- 2) Ensure workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions.
- 3) A procedure for the management of unexpected relics and human remains must be developed in consultation with Heritage NSW. This procedure must:
 - a) be prepared in accordance with Heritage NSW guidelines and codes of practice; and
 - b) include a hold point requiring the development of a revised Historical Archaeological Assessment in the event an unexpected relic is identified.
 - i. The Historical Archaeological Assessment must be prepared in accordance with the guideline Archaeological Assessment (1996) and Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics (2009) to inform and guide archaeological mitigation measures.
 - ii. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an Archaeological Research Design and Excavation Methodology (ARDEM) with a nominated Excavation Director should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage program.
 - iii. The Historical Archaeological Assessment must be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for approval in consultation with Heritage NSW.
 - c) must be implemented for the duration of the project.