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Advice on Modification Report – State Significant Development

Proposal: Gregadoo Solar Farm MOD 4

Major Project reference: SSD-8825-Mod-4

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Dear Ewan,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development (SSD) Modification Proposal. It is understood that the proposed modification seeks to allow the construction of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) within the existing project footprint and the addition of an access point and internal access track from Boiling Down Road to the overhead transmission line between the Gregadoo Solar Farm Substation and the Transgrid Substation.

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

- Relevant sections of *Modification 4 Application Gregadoo Solar Farm*, prepared by Premise, dated 21 October 2024.
- *Gregadoo Solar Farm Pty Ltd Modification 4 Application Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment* (AHDDA), prepared by Premise, dated 18 September 2024.

The Modification Application states that the addition of the BESS will not result in any additional impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage within the approved project footprint. A survey of the proposed access track undertaken for the AHDDA identified one potential ring tree (recorded as Gregadoo Ring Tree). The proposed access track was realigned to avoid impact to the site, and a survey of the new alignment did not identify any additional Aboriginal sites. Please note that Heritage NSW generally does not accept Due Diligence assessments for SSD projects, however as this report includes consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and forms an addition to existing Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Reports (ACHAR) and addendums, the assessment is sufficient for the proposal.

It is noted that the AHDDA was provided to RAPs on the project, however evidence of this in the form of consultation appendices to the report were not included in the submission. Provided that this issue can be addressed, we would recommend the following amendments to the existing conditions of approval for the project in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage:

- Appendix 3: Aboriginal Heritage Sites - Update the existing figures to include Gregadoo Ring Tree.
- Appendix 4: Aboriginal Heritage Items – Update *Table 1: Aboriginal heritage items – avoid impacts* to include Gregadoo Ring Tree.

Please ensure that the most recent Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) for the project has been provided to Heritage NSW for review as it required by the Conditions of Consent. Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

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