

Attn: Megan Ramsdale
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Energy Assessments
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Dear Ms Ramsdale,

**TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROPONENT'S
RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS AND AMENDMENT REPORT – STATE SIGNIFICANT
DEVELOPMENT – BENDEMEER SOLAR FARM (SSD-36651552)**

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Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) acknowledges receipt of the additional information provided by Athena Energy Australia (Holdings) Pty Ltd in response to agency comments on the Bendemeer Solar Farm Amendment Report and Submissions Report.

Council notes that the proponent has provided a detailed response to TRC's previous advice, as set out in Table 3 of the Post-Submissions Agency Response Memo. TRC has reviewed these responses against the matters raised in its formal submission to the Department dated 14 May 2025.

Council is satisfied that its earlier comments and conditions have been accurately reflected and addressed within the proponent's response materials. At this stage, Council does not wish to provide any additional substantive comments beyond those already submitted.

For clarity, TRC's position remains as outlined in its previous submission. Council therefore requests that the Department continue to give due consideration to those matters; particularly in relation to road safety and asset protection, stormwater and fire management associated with the BESS, workforce accommodation and local housing, biodiversity and offsetting, and the negotiation of a Voluntary Planning Agreement, when preparing conditions of consent.

Conclusion

TRC remains committed to supporting responsible and sustainable development that aligns with regional planning priorities and the long-term well-being of our communities. TRC acknowledges the additional information provided by the proponent and notes the responses to Council's advice as summarised in the Post-Submissions Agency Response Memo.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the updated documentation. Should you require any clarification regarding Council's advice, please contact Jordan Kirk, TRC Renewable Energy Project Coordinator, on the contact details below.

Regards,

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Manager, Development

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30 September 2025