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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Cobbora Solar Farm

Major Project reference: SSD-29491142

Received: 2 September 2025

Dear Mr Ashe,

Thank you for your referral dated 2 September 2025 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD / SSI) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- Construction of a large-scale photovoltaic generation facility with the capacity to generate up to 700 megawatts of electricity from PV collar panels which includes a battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure.

The following report was considered in our assessment:

- *'Historic Heritage Assessment Report. Cobbora Solar Farm, Warrumbungle and Dubbo Local Government Areas, March 2025'* by OzArk Environment & Heritage.

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

- There are no items listed on the State Heritage Register within the Project boundary.
- The OzArk report outlines that there are two items heritage items identified in the project boundary -a mechanical seeder circa 1950 and a Homestead and associated outbuildings, date unknown.
- The OzArch assessment has concluded that neither of these items meet the criteria for local or state heritage significance.
- Heritage NSW concurs with the outcomes and management measures of the HHAR.

- However, Heritage NSW notes that while the HHAR states the document complies with the requirements in the *Guidelines for Preparing a Statement of Heritage Impact* (DPE, 2023) and *Investigating Heritage Significance. A guide to identifying and examining heritage items in NSW* (Heritage Council 2021), its assessment does not conform to the guidelines. In future, please ensure that the HHAR complies with all relevant documentation and guidelines.

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

Yours sincerely,

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