

Our ref: New England Solar Farm-Mod-2 (SSD-9255-Mod-2)

Miss Theresa Verkerk
Manager
ACEN Australia
By email
10/02/2023

Subject: Request for Additional Information

Dear Miss Verkerk

I refer to the assessment for the New England Solar Farm-Mod-2 (SSD-9255-Mod-2). After careful consideration, the Department is requesting that you provide additional information.

You are requested to submit the following additional information:

- quantify the additional DC capacity of PV panels that can fit within the additional footprint and the associated emissions reduction;
- quantify the reduction in the duration of the peak and overall remaining construction period achievable with if additional daily heavy vehicle movements were approved;
- detail the engagement and response from LM2 Metals Pty Ltd who hold a minerals exploration licence covering Areas 1 and 3;
- confirm there is an adequate setback distance between the development footprint in Area 5 to Suamarez Creek, a 5th order stream; and
- update Figure A.3 from the Amendment Report with the following changes:
 - in the legend remove 'MOD 1' from the modified project boundary and modified development footprint labels;
 - show the approved potential substation/BESS areas and the additional substation/BESS footprint areas from MOD 2; and
 - label Area 1 – Area 5.

You are requested to provide the information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the department by Friday 17 February 2023. If you cannot meet this deadline or do not intend to provide the additional information, please advise the department via the NSW planning portal.

The assessment period ceases to run between the date of this letter and the date you provide the additional information (or notification that the information will not be provided), in accordance with Part 4 Division 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

Department of Planning and Environment



If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Ko on 02 8217 2022 or via email at anthony.ko@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Nicole Brewer".

Nicole Brewer
Director
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