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Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-336964533) Amendment Report 2 – Temporary Workers Accommodation

Dear Mr Wathen,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 30 May 2024 to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

The proposed amendment is for the change of use of the western section of the site to a temporary workers accommodation (TWA) during construction then once the TWA is removed this will be solar panels. Other amendments include road upgrades to the Golden Highway and Ringwood Road intersection and upgrades to culvert bridges.

DCCEEW Water has reviewed the Ammendment Report and has recommendations regarding water supply, licensing and works within waterfront land. Please see **Attachment A** for more detail.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact DCCEEW Water Assessments water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brownbill".

Rob Brownbill,
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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPE Planning & Assessment regarding the Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-336964533) Amendment Report 2 – Temporary Workers Accommodation

1.0 Water supply and licensing

1.1 Recommendation – pre-determination

That the proponent:

- Provide clarification on their ability to obtain the necessary water volumes from the site or confirm a viable supply is available for the construction and operational phases of the project.
- Demonstrate sufficient entitlement can be acquired in the relevant water sources unless an exemption applies.

Explanation

The Applicant notes that 11.26ML/month of non-potable water would be required with an additional 12ML/year of potable water for the Temporary Workers Accommodation Facility. The applicant has noted this would be sourced through onsite bores with water access licences or by purchasing Water Access Licences from existing producers. No sources have been identified to supply potable water and the ability to obtain entitlement to meet the non-potable requirements has not been assessed. The feasibility of these proposed options is unclear.

It is noted no new water supply works approvals have been assessed to date so relevant approvals under the *Water Management Act 2000* will be required, if it is identified that additional works are required.

2.0 Works within waterfront land

2.1 Recommendation – post approval

Works within waterfront land need to be in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land.

Explanation

The second amendment report also notes upgrades to roads including watercourse crossings. These culvert crossings should be designed and constructed in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities.

End Attachment A
