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Dear Kurtis,

### **SUBJECT: GOULBURN RIVER SOLAR FARM (SSD-33964533) ADVICE ON ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY**

Thank you for providing Mid-Western Regional Council (Council) with the opportunity to comment on the Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-33964533) Accommodation and Employment Strategy. Council has reviewed the documents and provides the following comments.

#### **Accommodation**

Council supports the construction of a temporary workers accommodation (TWA) facility for up to 400 beds within the Development Footprint.

Council notes no workers will be housed in the Mid-Western Regional LGA (local government areas) unless a worker is a Mid-Western Region Resident.

#### **Water**

Council notes water will be sourced from a combination of on-site bores or by purchasing Water Access Licenses from existing producers within the Hunter Sub Region.

Council requests clarification on the water usage quantity as it seems from the calculation of 85/kL day does not equate to an estimated 12 ML/year.

Table 6.1 (page 40), 'water resources' states

- The TWA facility is anticipated to require approximately 85kL/day of potable water.
- Serviced by up to 3 truck deliveries of potable water per day.
- Estimated **12 ML/year** of potable water is required.

Potable Water - Council advises it does not currently have the capacity to support a potable water requirement. Potable water will be required to be sourced from alternate sources and cannot be sourced from local water carters accessing Council's licensed potable supply.

Construction Water - The Proponent should not depend on Mid-Western Regional Council water sources (directly or through third parties) for construction activities, as the capacity to supply this does not currently exist.

### **Sewer**

Council notes a modular Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) capable of treating up to 85 kL of wastewater per day will be installed onsite at the workers accommodation facility to manage wastewater.

Council advice is that Gulgong, Rylstone, or Kandos Sewage Treatment Plant's (STP) do not have any facilities to receive septage or sewage collected/tankered from sites not serviced by the town sewage collection system. In the Mid-Western Region, Mudgee STP is the only site that can receive such tankered waste.

Mudgee STP has an existing septage disposal facility designed to receive up to 20KL/day of tankered sewage/septage. This facility has been designed to receive septage from Council's rural domestic customers. Mudgee STP has no capacity to accommodate additional loading of sewage at this point in time.

Also to note onsite disposal and use of effluent will need to be considered via separate consent determined by the relevant LGA.

### **Waste**

Council notes the Waste Management Plan will be developed in consultation with the Upper Hunter Shire Council and surrounding LGAs including Mid-Western Regional Council.

In this regard, Council wishes to advise that none of its waste facilities are appropriate or capable of handling the disposal of landfill waste generated by the project. The Mudgee Waste Facility has limited capacity to accommodate enormous quantities of landfill material likely to be generated by the project, as the existing Waste Cell is almost exhausted. All of Council's other waste facilities are waste transfer stations (including Kandos) accepting residential waste only, which is then transported to Mudgee waste facility. They are not suitable to accept waste from this project.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Council on (02) 6378 2850.

Yours sincerely,



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GENERAL MANAGER