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Subject: Request to Temporarily Extend Construction Hours – Culcairn Solar Farm

Dear Mr. Benfredj

I refer to your letter dated 9 September 2024, requesting approval for extended construction hours for the Culcairn Solar Farm (SSD-10288) in accordance with Schedule 3, Condition 16 of the development consent. The extended construction hours are required on Saturday 21 September 2024 to enable Transgrid to carry out transmission pole boring works. The work will be undertaken during a scheduled five-day outage of the transmission line.

I note your advice that:

- the request is being sought to facilitate the timely delivery of the project;
- the timely delivery of the project is important to meet energy security requirements;
- the extended hours will help reduce the risk of a prolonged network outage and minimise safety concerns;
- the request is accompanied by the results of a noise assessment by Transgrid; and
- consultation with residents has not been undertaken as construction noise is predicted to comply with the noise management levels in the ICNG.

The Department has carefully reviewed the correspondence, including Transgrid's noise assessment of the proposed activity.

The Department has not been informed of any noise complaints associated with construction under the existing consent.

The Department considers requests to alter hours of construction on a case by case or activity specific basis. In this case the Department considers it appropriate to approve the variation.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves a variation to the construction hours on Saturday 21 September 2024 from the approved 8am to 1pm to 7am to 5pm.

As discussed, please notify nearby residents before Saturday that extended construction hours will occur.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Keren Halliday on 8289 6444.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', with a large, stylized 'D' and 'A'.

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary