

Nicholas Fox  
Senior Project Manager  
Neoen Australia Pty Ltd  
570 Georg Street  
NSW, 2000, Sydney

27/11/2024

---

Subject: Request to Stage TMP and EMS

Dear Mr Fox

I refer to your correspondence dated 26 November 2024, requesting approval to further stage the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Environment Management Strategy (EMS) for the Culcairn Solar Farm.

The Department has carefully considered the information provided including TfNSW and Greater Hume Shire Council's support for this request and I am satisfied that it is necessary to further stage both plans.

Accordingly, I approve the staged preparation and submission of the TMP and EMS as follows:

- Stage 1a: Construction of the site access point on Weeamara Road and the road upgrades along Weeamara Road up to the unused rail corridor, land preparation;
- Stage 1b: Upgrade of Weeamara Road including the unused rail corridor (not covered in Stage 1a) and commencement of construction of the solar farm;
- Stage 2a: Continuation of the construction of the solar farm and the transport of the Transgrid switch room in accordance with Condition 2 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent;
- Stage 2b: Continuation of the construction of the solar farm and the transport of remaining OSOM vehicles as described Condition 2 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent;
- Stage 3: Operation of the Culcairn Solar Farm;
- Stage 4: Construction, commissioning, and operation of the battery energy storage system (BESS), including substation and switchyard expansion (within the development footprint) if the battery proceeds later; and
- Stage 5: Decommissioning the Culcairn Solar Farm at end of life.

The EMS should be updated to include the additional staging and submitted via the portal for the Planning Secretary to approve.

As advised previously, the updated TMP for Stage 2a should be submitted to TfNSW and Greater Hume Shire Council for their consideration and feedback.

It is also noted that Stage 2b of the TMP will need to include details of consultation with Council and TfNSW regarding the remaining OSOM deliveries.

Please ensure you make the document and this approval letter publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Keren Halliday on 02 8289 6444.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', with a stylized, cursive script.

Iwan Davies  
Director  
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary