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

Dear Mr Benfredj

I refer to your letter dated 5 March 2025, 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 from Monday 24 March 2025 to Saturday 29 March 2025 to undertake works associated with the connection of the Culcairn Switching Station to the 330kV Wagga to Walla Walla Transmission Line. The extended work hours are required to ensure the transmission assets, which need to be shut down during the work, can be safely returned to service at the end of each day.

I note from your correspondence and supporting information that:

- the extended hours will help reduce the risk of a prolonged network outage and minimise safety concerns;
- the request is being sought to facilitate the timely delivery of the project;
- 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 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 as follows:

- Monday March 24, 2025 to Friday 28 March, 2025 - 6am to 7pm ; and
- Saturday 29 March, 2025 - 8am to 5pm

Please notify nearby residents before the work commences to advise them of the extended construction hours.

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

Yours sincerely

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

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary