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Subject: Stubbo Solar Project - Revised Staging Request

Dear Mr Greenaway,

I refer to your request dated 8 May 2023 seeking the Planning Secretary's approval to revise the staging of the Stubbo Solar Project under Condition 3 of Schedule 4 of SSD-10452.

The Department has reviewed your proposal to develop the project in four stages comprising:

- Stage 1: Road upgrades (Blue Springs Road) and construction of the main site access (scheduled for completion in May 2023).
- Stage 2: Solar project construction and operation including:
 - Stage 2a: Construction and commissioning of the solar facilities including solar array, substation and all ancillary infrastructure, including the switchyard and transmission line connection to be constructed by Transgrid.
 - Stage 2b: Operation of the Stubbo Solar Project.
- Stage 3: Construction, commissioning and operation of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), including substation and switchyard expansion (within the development footprint).
- Stage 4: Decommissioning of the Stubbo Solar Project at end of life.

The Department notes that:

- Mid-Western Regional Council has supported the previous proposed staging noting UPC/AC's (now ACEN) commitment to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) prior to commencement of Stage 2 construction works;
- the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) of the Department of Planning and Environment has previously raised no objections to staging, noting ACEN's commitment to meet the biodiversity offset obligations prior to each respective stage of construction;

- ACEN has committed to supporting each of the above stages with relevant strategies, plans and programs, particularly for Stage 2, in accordance with the table included in ACEN's submission (8 May 2023) and previous submission (1 June 2022).

Accordingly, under Condition 3 of Schedule 4 of the development consent, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the revised staging strategy for Stubbo Solar Farm.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Katie Weekes on (02) 4927 3223 or via email at katie.weekes@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Jones', written in a cursive style.

Wayne Jones
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary