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Dear NAME,

RE: Tallawang Solar Hybrid – Project update and Proposed Development Approval Modification #2

Following our previous communication earlier this month about a proposed modification to the Project's existing Development Approval (SSD-23700028), which was related to the increase of the approved battery energy storage capacity from 1000 MWh to 4000 MWh, we are now contacting you to provide a general project update, and inform you that a second proposed modification to the Development Approval will be lodged to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in the upcoming weeks (anticipated April 2026).

This second proposed modification **seeks alternate access** to the Tallawang Solar Hybrid site from the Primary Project Access point on Castlereagh Highway, to an existing access to site, also located on Castlereagh Highway, almost opposite to Jenkins Lane (as illustrated below).

Importantly, there will be no additional traffic generation above what was approved by the project.

This proposed modification would allow the project **to progress some site pre-constructions activities** before the road upgrade required by the Development Approval to access site is completed.



Based on preliminary assessments around this second proposed Development Approval modification, we anticipate that no additional impacts are expected.

The NSW DPHI will evaluate the proposed modification in accordance with the standard assessment process for State Significant Development (SSD) modifications in NSW. Potentia Energy anticipates that a determination of this second proposed modification would be made in the upcoming 4 – 6 months.

We will keep the community updated on the above, as well as any upcoming pre-construction site works.

In particular, the pre-construction site activities that the project is aiming to progress via the alternative proposed access, will be the following activities, which are scheduled to commence in the upcoming months:

- Artefact surveys and/or salvage;
- Geotechnical drilling, excavation or salvage;

Artefact surveys and/or salvage:

- Undertaken to identify and manage cultural heritage within the proposed project site before any construction begins.
- Qualified archaeologists, often working alongside Aboriginal community representatives, will inspect the land for evidence of Aboriginal objects or historical relics, such as stone tools, artefact scatters, or remnants of past land use.
- Where items are identified, efforts are typically made to avoid disturbance where possible.
- If impacts cannot be avoided, a controlled salvage process may be carried out to carefully record and recover the materials in accordance with regulatory requirements.
- These activities ensure that culturally or historically significant items are appropriately documented and protected prior to development.
- This activity is expected to last approximately 1 week, with 2 light vehicles accessing site per day.

Geotechnical drilling, excavation or salvage:

- This activity involves investigating the physical properties of the ground to inform the engineering design of the solar hybrid farm.
- This work typically includes drilling boreholes, excavating small test pits, and collecting soil and rock samples to assess conditions such as soil strength, depth to bedrock, and groundwater presence.

- The information gathered is used to determine suitable foundation designs for

solar panels and associated infrastructure, and to identify any ground-related constraints.

- These investigations are generally localised and temporary, with disturbed areas usually rehabilitated after testing is complete.
- To complete this activity, it is anticipated that various vehicles will be required to access site, including rigid heavy vehicles and light vehicles.
- This activity is expected to last approximately up to 8 weeks.
- It is anticipated that some noise is to be expected during the drilling activities. Noise levels associated with the proposed activities will be compliant with applicable legislative requirements, including the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) and relevant NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

Potentia Energy remains committed to ongoing engagement with project stakeholders to discuss the modification proposal, and the Tallawang Solar Hybrid project more broadly. Our team will be on site in the upcoming weeks, and we would be available to meet you in person, to discuss in further details.

Should you have any enquires or comments on the above, or should you wish to discuss other matters related to the Project, please feel free to contact me on 0419 668522 or by email at tallawanghybrid@potentiaenergy.com.au at any time.

Yours sincerely,

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