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Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm – Out of hours request for transformer preparation and installation

Dear Ms Kramer,

I refer to your submission dated 24 July 2026 (Revision 3), requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to vary the hours of construction activities specified in Schedule 2, Condition B17, consistent with the requirements of Schedule 2, Condition B19 of the Development Consent for Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD- 33964533). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

It is understood the transformer preparation and installation works:

- will be undertaken within the established substation work area;
- involve placing the transformer under vacuum, vacuum oil filling, and circulating insulating oil;
- require limited light vehicle access associated with personnel shift changes with no heavy vehicle movements;
- are critical commissioning processes which must be undertaken as a continuous operation to ensure equipment integrity, avoid contamination, and meet manufacturer and commissioning specifications; and
- once commenced, the process cannot be interrupted and must continue until completion, requiring works to extend overnight.

This request is seeking to extend the construction hours to facilitate the preparation and installation of two transformers on the following dates:

- a. 13 to 21 August 2026; and
- b. 13 to 21 September 2026.

During the following extended hours:

- 6pm to 7am Monday to Thursday;
- 6pm Friday to 8am Saturday;

- 1pm Saturday to 7am Monday.

The Department notes the out of hours request:

- has been prepared in consultation with Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC);
- includes details of community consultation;
- includes details of the nature of the activities;
- noise assessment confirms predicted noise levels are well below applicable Noise Management Levels (NMLs);
- no complaints have been received relating to other works undertaken out of standard construction hours; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the request to vary the hours of construction activities to undertake transformer oil filling during the periods detailed above.

The above approval is subject to the following requirements, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary:

Where a noise complaint is received, attended noise monitoring should be undertaken to investigate the noise and any noisy activities reduced as soon as a feasibly actionable. Details of activities and equipment in use during the complaint should be identified. Where possible, attended monitoring should be conducted during similar conditions (activities/equipment) and weather conditions as those present during the complaint.

If any complaint is received, appropriate mitigation measures are to be identified, and the Department and the complainant are to be informed of the measures that will be implemented to address the complaint. Should any further complaints be received regarding works in the extended construction hours, this approval to extend the works hours may be revoked by the Department.

A record of any complaints made, or non-compliances identified during monitoring, regarding works undertaken during extended construction hours must be provided to the Department within 24 hours of the complaint or non-compliance.

All work is to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 2, Condition B20 of the Development Consent.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

This approval to extend construction hours for transformer preparation and installation activities may be revoked by the Department at any time.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Katie Weekes on 4927 3223.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'I' being a large, stylized capital.

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary