

Our ref: Bendemeer Solar Farm (SSD-36651552)

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Subject: Amendment of Bendemeer Solar Farm (SSD-36651552)

Dear Mr Vile

I refer to the Amendment Report which was submitted on 9 April 2025 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) for Bendemeer Solar Farm (SSD-36651552).

The Amendment Report has requested the following changes:

- a reduction in the generation capacity of the solar farm from 280 MW to 255 MW
- a decrease in the development footprint to 369.2 ha, due to a reduction in the areas of solar arrays and BESS, internal roads, construction compound and laydown areas;
- a reduction in height of solar panels;
- relocation of the operation and maintenance facility;
- addition of noise walls around the substation transformers and selected inverters within the solar farm area, and addition of noise attenuation kits for all PCUs and BESS inverters;
- commitment to Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) for the BESS technology and associated changes in BESS layout, unit capacity and number of units

The Department has carefully considered the information provided in the Amendment Report and is satisfied it the proposed changes constitute an amendment to SSD-36651552. Accordingly, I as delegate of the Independent Planning Commission approve the application for the amendment.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Ramsdale on (02) 9407 2133 or via email at megan.ramsdale@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iwan Davies".

Iwan Davies
Director
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