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12/05/2026

Subject: Richmond Valley Solar Farm – Traffic Management Plan Staging Request

Dear Miss Threlfall,

I refer to your letter dated 20 April 2026, requesting approval to stage the submission of the Traffic Management Plan for the Richmond Valley Solar Farm (SSD-41020244) under Condition C3 of Schedule 2. I also acknowledge your response to the Department's request for additional information.

The Department has carefully considered the proposed staging and notes that Ark Energy have identified that the development will be undertaken in the following distinct stages and as shown in Addendum 1 of your letter dated 20 April 2026:

- Stage 1a: Construction of public road upgrades and site access points as described in Condition B5 of the consent;
- Stage 1b: Construction of the 200 megawatt (MW) solar farm and 275 MW/3,148 megawatt hour (MWh) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
- Stage 1c: Operation of the 200 MW solar farm and 275 MW/3,148 MWh BESS;
- Stage 2a: Construction of the remaining 235 MW solar farm and upgrade the existing BESS with an additional 200MW energy discharge capacity;
- Stage 2b: Operation of the combined 435 MW solar farm and 475MW/3,148MWh BESS; and
- Stage 3: Decommissioning of the solar farm and battery storage facility at end of life.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions in the consent.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the staging of the development and the submission of the Traffic Management Plan required by the consent on a progressive basis.

In accordance with Condition C2, Schedule 2, please ensure the Traffic Management Plan is reviewed and, if necessary, revised to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of each stage.

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', with a stylized, cursive script.

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary