

**Whitehaven
Solar Farm Project**
Environmental Impact Statement

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A8 SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

This attachment supports Section 5 of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by providing further discussion of the community engagement undertaken for the Whitehaven Solar Farm Project (the Project) that are not discussed in detail in Section 5.

References to Sections 1 to 7 in this Attachment are references to Sections in the main text of the EIS. References to Appendices A to K in this Attachment are references to Appendices of the EIS. Internal references within this Attachment are prefixed with “A8”.

A8.1 ENGAGEMENT UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PROJECT

As described in Section 5, Whitehaven Energy Pty Ltd (Whitehaven Energy) has consulted with a range of stakeholders including Federal, State and local government agencies, infrastructure and service providers, Community Consultative Committees (CCC) and the local community to obtain feedback on the proposed Project, proposed assessment approach and potential impacts and proposed mitigation and management measures for the Project.

Feedback obtained through engagement with key stakeholders has provided the opportunity to identify issues of concern or interest, and to consider these issues within the Project design and the EIS.

The consultation undertaken during the preparation of this EIS is in accordance with the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) (Attachment 1) and *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects* (NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), 2024).

The *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects* (DPHI, 2024) includes a list of objectives for community participation in state significant projects like the Project.

In addition to the EIS consultation undertaken by Whitehaven Energy, Whitehaven Energy has also undertaken consultation specifically to inform the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) which is further described in Appendices B and I, respectively, and Section 6.

A summary of consultation undertaken with key Government agencies and local landholders regarding the proposed Project is provided in Table A8-1. An overview of consultation undertaken with all stakeholders is provided in Section 5.

Feedback from the community was received during the Narrabri Mine CCC meetings, engagement undertaken to inform the SIA, the dedicated Project email address and phone number, and one-on-one meetings. This feedback is summarised in Table A8-2 along with how the comments have been considered in the EIS.

Whitehaven Energy also prepared and distributed Fact Sheets to inform stakeholders about the Project, provide updates on the progress of the EIS, and share contact information. The Fact Sheets were made available during in-person meetings and on the Whitehaven Coal website in September 2023 and May and October 2024.

A copy of the Project Fact Sheets is provided in Attachment A8-1.

Table A8-1
Summary of Consultation Undertaken with Key Government Agencies and Organisations

Organisation	Date	Summary/Issues Raised
DPHI	4 September 2023	Whitehaven Energy held a preliminary meeting with DPHI to provide an overview of the Project. At this meeting, Whitehaven Energy outlined plans to commence early engagement with key stakeholders. DPHI supported this engagement.
	14 February 2024	DPHI provided SEARs for the Project.
	27 March 2024	Whitehaven Energy held a meeting with DPHI to describe the addition of a proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) as part of the Project and request confirmation from DPHI that the existing SEARs issued by the DPHI are sufficient for the inclusion of a small-scale BESS within the project design. DPHI recommended Whitehaven Energy seeks confirmation from Narrabri Shire Council and Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) within NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water regarding the BESS to confirm their input to the Project SEARs are sufficient.
	22 April 2024	Whitehaven Energy provided a letter requesting consideration towards the assessment requirements for flooding in relation to the Project. DPHI recommended Whitehaven Energy consults with BCS and Department of Primary Industries (DPI)-Fisheries regarding the flooding components of the SEARs to seek the flood assessment is not required for the Project.
	9 July 2024	Whitehaven Energy provided an Addendum Letter to the Project Scoping Report that provided a summary of the proposed inclusion of a small-scale BESS within the project design and confirmation that the existing SEARs advice issued by Narrabri Shire Council, BCS and DPI-Fisheries is sufficient for the inclusion of the BESS within the Project and there are no further assessment requirements.
Narrabri Shire Council	13 September 2023	Whitehaven Energy held a Project briefing meeting with Narrabri Shire Council. No issues were raised.
	17 May 2024	Whitehaven Coal Limited (Whitehaven Coal) provided an overview of the Project at the Whitehaven Coal quarterly meeting. No issues were raised.
	21 June 2024	Whitehaven Energy held a meeting with Narrabri Shire Council to discuss the Project, including landowner consent for the overhead electrical transmission line that cross Kurrajong Creek Road and the Project site intersection and confirmation that the existing SEARs issued by the Narrabri Shire Council are sufficient for the inclusion of a small-scale BESS within the project design.
	5 July 2024	Narrabri Shire Council provided confirmation that the existing SEARs advice issued by the Narrabri Shire Council are sufficient for the inclusion of the BESS within the Project and there are no further assessment requirements
	8 July 2024	Narrabri Shire Council provided a landowners consent letter for the portion of the proposed associated overhead electrical transmission line connecting the Project to the existing electrical infrastructure which crosses Kurrajong Creek Road.
	20 September 2024	Whitehaven Energy provided Narrabri Shire Council a Project pre-lodgement briefing (Attachment A8-2). No issues were raised.
DPI-Fisheries	27 June 2024	DPI-Fisheries provided confirmation that the existing SEARs advice issued by the DPI-Fisheries are sufficient for the inclusion of the BESS within the Project and there are no further assessment requirements
	20 September 2024	Whitehaven Energy provided DPI-Fisheries a Project pre-lodgement briefing (Attachment 2). No issues were raised.
BCS	19 June 2024	Whitehaven Energy provided an overview of the Land Categorisation Analysis that was undertaken for the Project.
	20 June 2024	Whitehaven Energy held a Project meeting with BCS to confirm that the SEARs advice is sufficient for the inclusion of a small-scale BESS and provide a detailed briefing on the assessment outcomes and to confirm no further assessment requirements.

Table A8-1 (Continued)
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Organisation	Date	Summary/Issues Raised
BCS (Continued)	21 June 2024	BCS provided confirmation that the existing SEARs advice issued by the BCS are sufficient for the inclusion of the BESS within the Project and there are no further assessment requirements
	3 July 2024	BCS provided confirmation that the existing SEARs advice issued by the BCS with regards to a flood modelling is not required as part of the Project assessment.
	4 July 2024	BCS provided confirmation that BCS considers that the Land Categorisation Analysis approach and mapping to be reasonable and provided additional consideration to be included in the EIS.
	20 September 2024	Whitehaven Energy provided BCS a Project pre-lodgement briefing (Attachment A8-2). No issues were raised.
Narrabri Mine CCC	13 September 2023	Whitehaven Energy held a Project briefing meeting during the quarterly Narrabri Mine CCC meeting. Project Factsheets were handed to all attending members (Attachment A8-1). Whitehaven Energy provided the opportunity for discussion regarding the Project. Members raised concerns regarding consultation and the Project layout. Whitehaven Energy agreed to meet with the key CCC members to discuss residual concerns.
	7 December 2023	Whitehaven Energy held a Project briefing meeting during the quarterly Narrabri Mine CCC meeting. No issues were raised.
	13 March 2024	Whitehaven Energy held a Project briefing meeting during the quarterly Narrabri Mine CCC meeting. No issues were raised.
	19 June 2024	Whitehaven Energy held a Project briefing meeting during the quarterly Narrabri Mine CCC meeting. No issues were raised.
	12 September 2024	Whitehaven Energy held a Project briefing meeting during the quarterly Narrabri Mine CCC meeting and highlighted the submission of the Project EIS was anticipated to be undertaken within the next four weeks. No issues were raised.
	4 December 2024	Whitehaven Energy held a Project briefing meeting during the quarterly Narrabri Mine CCC meeting and stated the Project EIS had been lodged and minor clarifications with DPPI were being addressed. No issues were raised.
Key Landholders	13 September 2023	Whitehaven Energy contacted various surrounding landholders to provide an overview of the Project. Whitehaven Energy provided the landholders an opportunity for discussion at the quarterly Narrabri Mine CCC meeting and offered to schedule face to face meetings. Concerns regarding consultation undertaken to date and the Project layout, in particular the location of a proposed perimeter fence was raised by the one stakeholder.
	26 September 2023	Whitehaven Energy engaged key landholders in person to discuss residual concerns regarding the Project. Whitehaven Energy provided an updated Project layout in consideration of the fencing concerns.
	6 October 2023	Follow up contact was made by Whitehaven Energy to various stakeholders offering further opportunities for discussions in regard to the Project. Stakeholders highlighted the potential use of cattle in the Project site. No residual concerns were raised.
	28 May 2024	Whitehaven Energy engaged key landholders in person to provide a summary of the Project including proposed inclusion of a small-scale BESS within the project design.
Accommodation Facility	21 May 2024	Whitehaven Energy contacted Civeo Corporation, the owners of the nearby accommodation villages within Narrabri and Boggabri via telephone. Civeo Corporation confirmed there is sufficient capacity of both facilities to accommodate the Project workforce.
	11 December 2024	Civeo Corporation provided a letter confirming there is sufficient capacity within Narrabri and Boggabri accommodation villages to accommodate the Project workforce (Attachment 3).

Table A8-2
Summary of Key Stakeholder Views and Concerns

Category	Key Stakeholder Views/Concerns	How Addressed
Project Justification / Location	Support for renewable energy development	1. The Project would generate renewable energy for the Narrabri Mine, reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the Narrabri Mine.
	Implementation of agrisolar practices	2. Whitehaven Energy would investigate agrisolar on the site in accordance with the Clean Energy Council's (2021) <i>Australian Guide to Agrisolar for Large-Scale Solar for Proponents and Farmers</i> .
	Position of fencing nearby leaseholder dwelling	3. Initial discussions with the leaseholder resulted in changes to the fence line away from their dwelling and closer to solar panels. Due to further detailed design, the fence line was moved to its original position.
	Positive socio-economic benefits, including employment opportunities and direct benefits for local businesses	4. Strategies to enhance positive socio-economic benefits are described in the SIA (Appendix I).
Economic, Environmental and Social Impacts	Impacts on biodiversity	5. The Project has been designed to avoid areas of higher biodiversity value (where possible) and minimise impacts on biodiversity by maximising the use of areas previously cleared for agriculture and dominated by non-native vegetation. 6. Strategies to mitigate impacts on biodiversity are addressed in the BDAR (Appendix A).
	Impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage	7. The Project has been designed to avoid direct and indirect disturbance of cultural heritage sites Naroo IA1 and IA2 (Appendix B). 8. Strategies to avoid and mitigate impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage are addressed in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) (Appendix B).
	Construction workforce results in temporary impacts on housing and accommodation, and changes to demographic structure	9. Strategies to mitigate socio-economic impacts are described in the SIA (Appendix I).
	Recycling of solar panels	10. Waste from solar panels and recycling opportunities would be considered when the Project nears the requirement for replacement or decommissioning.
	The noise generated by construction and operation of the Project	11. Strategies to minimise noise generated by construction and operation of the Project are addressed in the Noise Impact Assessment (Appendix J).
	Runoff effects of bare land during construction phase	12. Strategies to mitigate run-off are described in the Water Resources Assessment (Appendix G).
Community Engagement	Request for ongoing stakeholder engagement	13. Further consultation for the Project will include (Section 5.4): - ongoing consultation with landowners and the local community; - distribution of Project Fact Sheets; and - maintenance of the Whitehaven Coal website and community hotline.
	Insufficient engagement of landholders and leaseholder at beginning of Project	14. Ongoing consultation will continue with landholders and the leaseholder of the land for the proposed Project in accordance with <i>Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects</i> (DPHI, 2024).

A8.2 REFERENCES

Clean Energy Council (2021). *Australian Guide to Agrisolar for Large-Scale Solar for Proponents and Farmers*.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (2024). *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects*.

**ATTACHMENT A8-1
WHITEHAVEN SOLAR FARM PROJECT
COMMUNITY FACTSHEETS**

Whitehaven Solar Farm Project

SEPTEMBER 2023

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The Project would generate 26MW of electricity, helping the Narrabri Mine to reduce the electricity it consumes from the grid.

The Project will not connect to the grid. It is a behind-the-meter proposal to supply electricity directly to the Narrabri Mine via the existing electricity transmission line for the remainder of the mine's operational life.

The Project would create around 65 jobs during peak construction.

Initial studies indicate the proposed solar farm would provide more than one-third of the Narrabri Mine's electricity and require a capital investment of approximately \$43 million.

Reducing operational emissions

As part of Whitehaven's commitment to reduce its operational greenhouse gas emissions, it has been purchasing carbon neutral electricity certified by Climate Active since October 2021 across all of its mines, including Narrabri. This means the greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of electricity are offset by the electricity supplier through the purchase of carbon offsets.

The Project will allow the carbon neutral electricity previously consumed by the Narrabri Mine to be dispatched elsewhere in the grid.

Community and stakeholder engagement

The Project will be considered under the NSW Government's State Significant Development Application process.

Whitehaven is committed to ongoing, comprehensive engagement with the community and stakeholders throughout the process. This includes neighbours, local community members and the Aboriginal community, the Narrabri Mine Community Consultative Committee (CCC), Narrabri Shire Council and relevant government agencies as part of the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) requirements.

The Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be placed on public exhibition by the DPE in due course, which will provide further opportunities for questions and issues to be raised and addressed.

APPROVAL TIMELINE

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For more information about the Solar Farm, visit:
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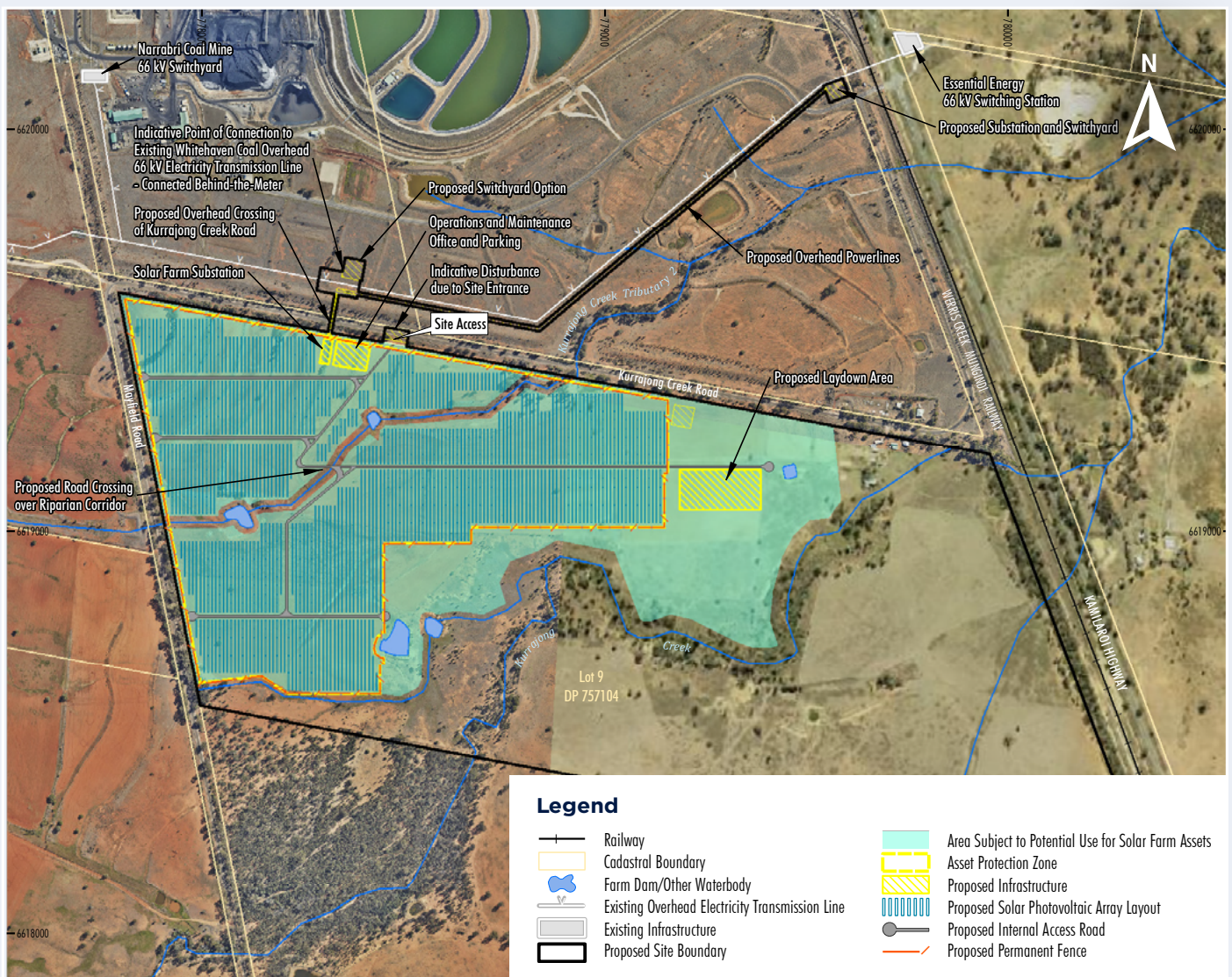
of the Narrabri Mine's electricity from onsite renewable energy.



Approximate cost of project

\$43m

Indicative Site Layout



The Whitehaven Solar Farm Project is located on the corner of Mayfield Rd and Kurrajong Creek Rd.

Contact Information

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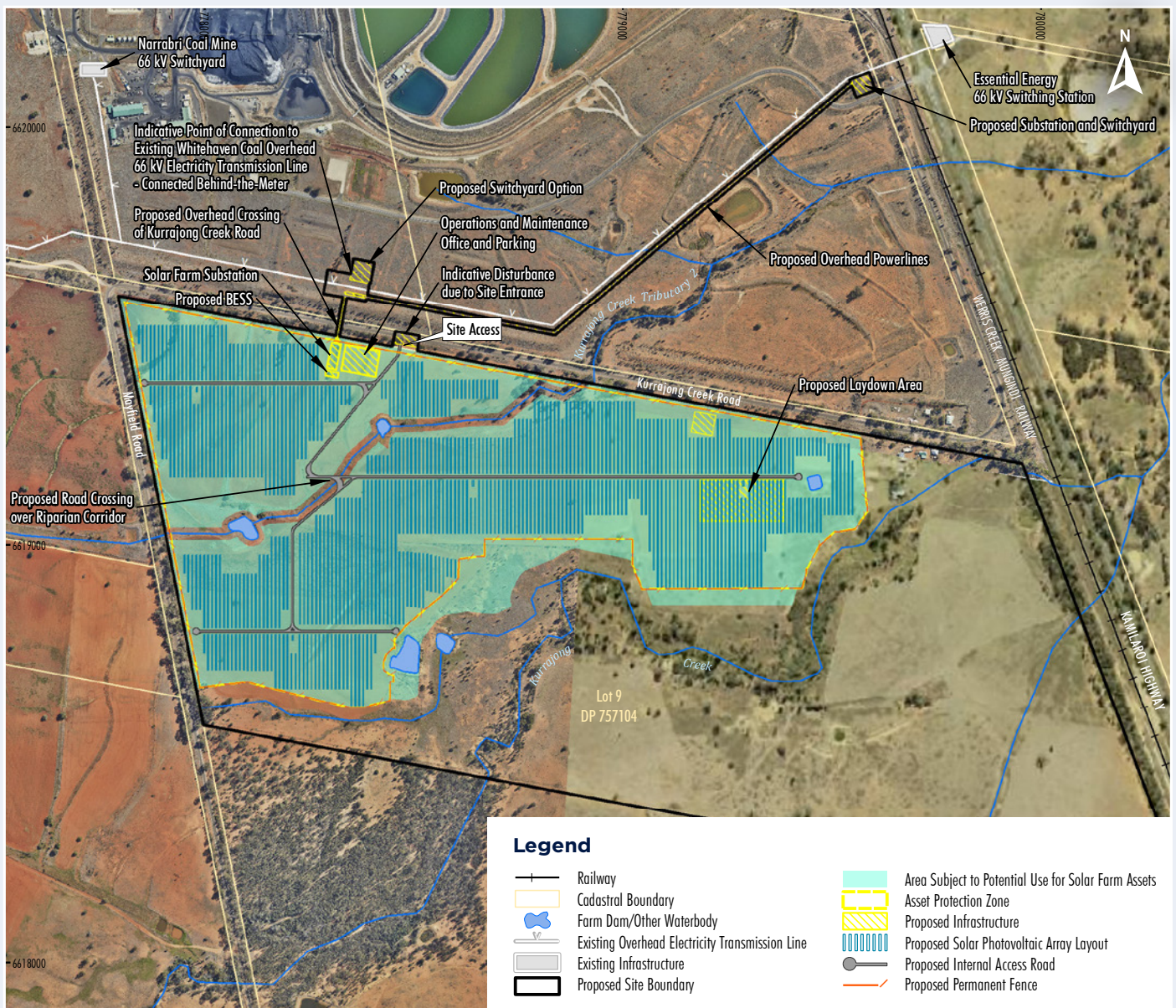


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Community and stakeholder engagement

Whitehaven conducted comprehensive engagement with the community and stakeholders throughout the application process.

This included engaging with neighbours, local community members, the local indigenous community, the Narrabri Mine Community Consultative Committee (CCC), Narrabri Shire Council and relevant government agencies as part of the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requirements.

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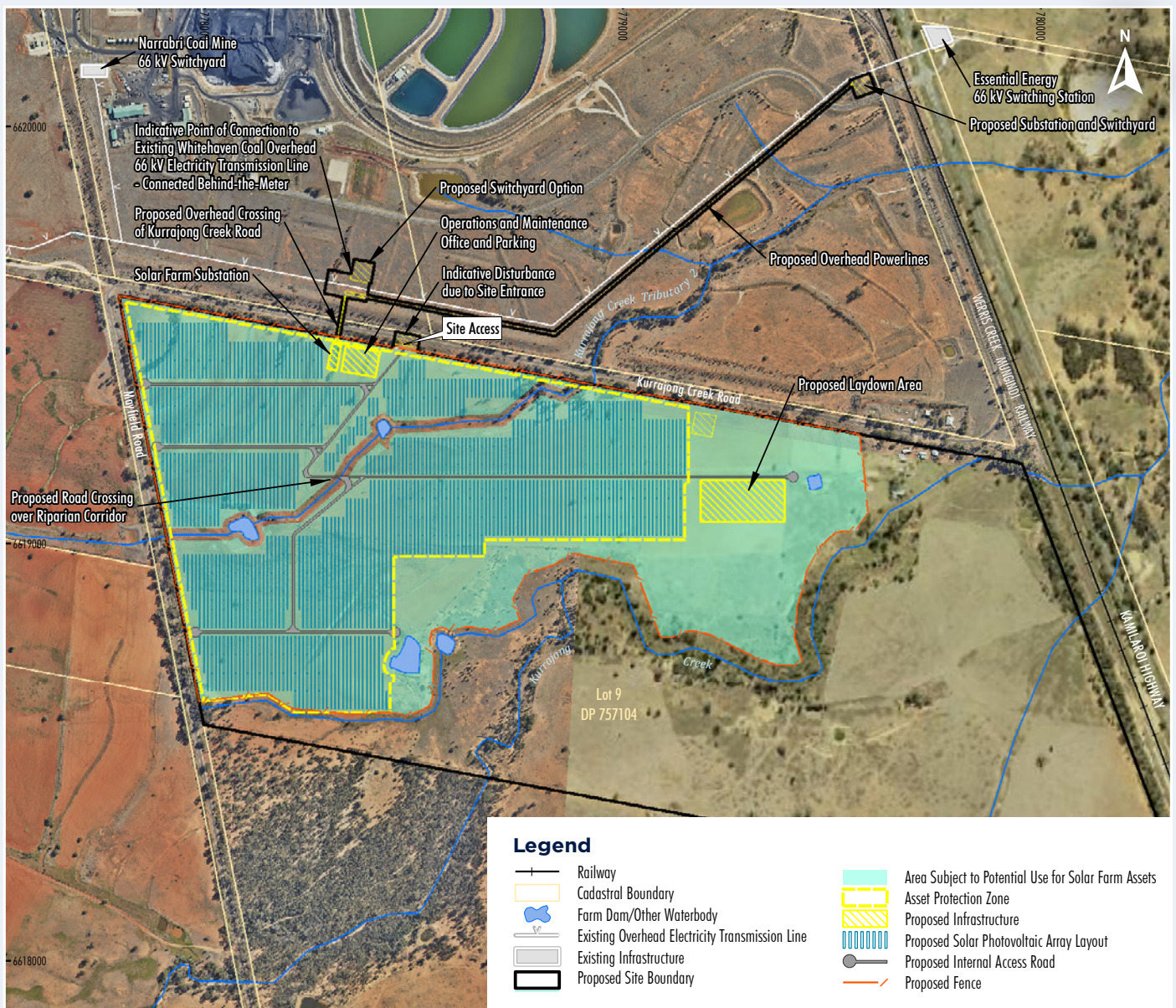


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**ATTACHMENT A8-2
WHITEHAVEN SOLAR FARM PROJECT
LETTER TO STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN SEPTEMBER 2024**

19 September 2024

Name
Address
Organisation

Dear Name,

RE: Whitehaven Solar Farm (Pre-Lodgement Engagement)

As you would be aware through previous engagements, Whitehaven Energy Pty Ltd (Whitehaven Energy) (a wholly owned subsidiary of Whitehaven Coal Limited [Whitehaven]) is proposing the development of a solar farm located adjacent to the existing Narrabri Mine on Whitehaven-managed land (the Whitehaven Solar Farm Project) (the Project) to provide renewable energy to the Narrabri Mine.

Accordingly, Whitehaven Energy is seeking approval for the Project as State Significant Development under Section 4.36 of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, requiring the submission of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The purpose of this letter is to provide a briefing on the draft findings of the EIS and seek feedback on these findings.

Overview of the Project

Key aspects of the Project include:

- construction and operation of approximately 50,000 solar PV panels to provide behind-the-meter electricity supply for the Narrabri Mine;
- construction of a substation that facilitates connection to the existing 66 kV overhead ETL;
- construction of an overhead ETL to connect the proposed substation to the existing 66 kV overhead ETL, north of Kurrajong Creek Rd;
- construction and operation of ancillary infrastructure including access roads, inverter stations, temporary staging areas, perimeter fencing and operations and maintenance buildings;
- construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System;
- ongoing maintenance activities; and
- decommissioning and rehabilitation of the site.

A General Arrangement of the Project is provided in Figure 1.

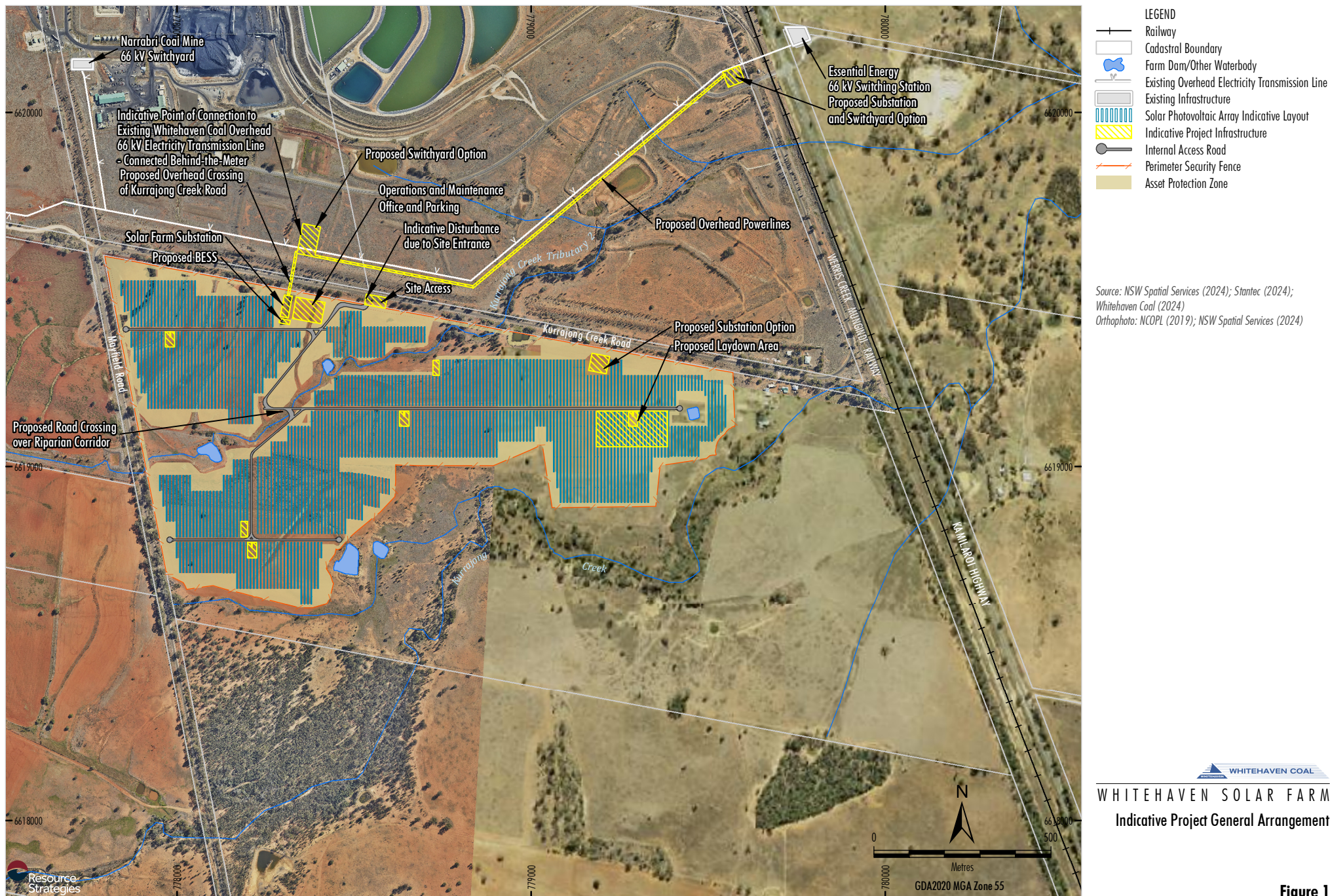
Environmental Impact Statement – Environmental Aspects

Whitehaven Energy is in the advanced stages of completing an EIS. As part of the EIS, several environmental assessments have been undertaken to assess the potential impacts of the Project and identify impact mitigation measures. Consideration of the following key environmental aspects are included:

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| • Biodiversity Development Assessment Report | • Water Resources Assessment |
| • Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report | • Land Contamination Assessment |
| • Agricultural Impact Assessment | • Social Impact Assessment |
| • Landscape and Visual Assessment | • Noise Impact Assessment |
| • Road Transport Assessment | • Environmental Risk Assessment |
| • Glint and Glare Assessment | |

Table 1 below provides a summary of the key environmental outcomes from each of the above aspects.

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WHITEHAVEN COAL
WHITEHAVEN SOLAR FARM
 Indicative Project General Arrangement

Figure 1

Table 1
Assessment of Key Environmental Outcomes

Aspect	Key Policies Considered	Avoidance, Minimisation, Mitigation and Offset	Key Outcomes	Proposed Management Plans/Strategies
Biodiversity	Biodiversity Assessment Method (DPIE, 2020) <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	■ Locating approximately 75% of disturbance on land previously disturbed by agricultural activities and mapped as non-native vegetation. ■ Avoidance of higher biodiversity value patches of native vegetation. ■ Minimising impacts to isolated strands of trees and other native vegetation. ■ No SAI entities impacted by the Project. ■ No impact to TECs. ■ No relevant fauna species credit species. ■ Vegetation planting along unnamed 1st order tributary in Project area.	■ Avoidance considered and a decrease in disturbance was implemented. ■ Complete clearance of approximately 19.52 ha of native vegetation and a partial clearance (removal of trees/shrubs) of approximately 2.87 ha of native vegetation. ■ Potential impact to Pine Donkey Orchid threatened flora species. ■ No potential impacts to fauna species credit species	Vegetation Clearance Protocol (sub-plan of Construction Environmental Management Plan [CEMP] and Operational Environmental Management Plan [OEMP]) Biodiversity Offset Strategy
Heritage	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010</i> <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>	■ Avoidance of direct impact to ten Aboriginal cultural heritage sites. ■ Surface collection and salvage of sites prior to disturbance	■ Potential impact to one Aboriginal cultural heritage site of low significant (archaeological) significance. Surface collection and salvage to be undertaken prior to disturbance. ■ Comprehensive assessment and engagement with registered Aboriginal stakeholders. ■ Ongoing engagement with the Aboriginal community to continue in regard to management of salvage process. ■ No impacts on sites of historic (non-Aboriginal) significance	Salvage of directly disturbed Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and protocol for management of previously unidentified Aboriginal cultural heritage sites (within CEMP and OEMP)

Table 1 (Continued)
Assessment of Key Environmental Outcomes

Aspect	Key Policies Considered	Avoidance, Minimisation, Mitigation and Offset	Key Outcomes	Proposed Management Plans/Strategies
Agriculture	<i>Agricultural Impact Assessment requirements of the Large-scale Solar Guideline</i>	■ Use of the Kurrajong Creek Road as the Project site access route. ■ Project construction workforce would be transported to the Project site via shuttle buses. ■ Existing road network accommodates construction, operation and decommissioning traffic demands associated with the Project.	■ Temporary loss of agricultural land. ■ Potential implementation of agrisolar practices to mitigate loss of agricultural productivity. ■ The Project would not pose a contamination risk to on-site or off-site receptors and is not likely to constrain the proposed land use.	Agistment agreement for agrisolar implementation
Landscape and Visual	<i>Large-scale Solar Energy Guideline's Technical Supplement – Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</i>	■ Existing vegetation creates visual screening along portions of Kamilaroi Highway and other local roads to mitigate direct views of the Project for motorists and dwellings.	■ All private receivers assessed as low visual impact.	N/A
Glint and Glare	<i>Large-scale Solar Energy Guideline's Technical Supplement – Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</i>	■ Existing vegetation mitigates potential glare impacts.	■ Glare is expected to be within the thresholds noted in the Large-Scale Solar Energy Guideline for all receivers (roads and residential).	N/A
Noise	<i>Noise Policy for Industry, Interim Construction Noise Guideline</i>	■ Construction activities would be completed during standard daytime construction hours. ■ Noise mitigation measures would be implemented.	■ Construction, operational and transport noise levels meet all relevant criteria at non-Project related receivers.	N/A
Transport	<i>Guide to Traffic Management</i> <i>Guide to Traffic Generating Development</i>	■ Use of the Kurrajong Creek Road as the Project site access route. ■ Project construction workforce would be transported to the Project site via shuttle buses. ■ Existing road network accommodates construction, operation and decommissioning traffic demands associated with the Project.	■ Project construction workforce would result in negligible increase in traffic volumes, and there would be no exceedances of the road network capacity and reduction in efficiency. ■ No upgrades to public roads are required to facilitate OSOM vehicles.	Bus Transport Protocol to be included in CEMP

Table 1 (Continued)
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Water Resources	<i>Water Management Act 2000</i> <i>Landcom "Blue Book" Guideline for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land</i> <i>Flood Risk Management Manual</i>	■ Project setbacks from nearby watercourses. ■ Design and construction of watercourse crossing at one unnamed 1st order ephemeral drainage line to Kurrajong Creek. ■ The Project would not extract water from Kurrajong Creek (or tributaries).	■ No impacts to groundwater. ■ Minimal changes in internal or external waterway flows. ■ The Project area is of low flood risk.	Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (sub-plan of CEMP and OEMP)
Social	<i>Social Impact Assessment Guideline for State Significant Projects</i>	■ Ongoing stakeholder engagement and provision of community information. ■ Management of complaints and incident response protocols through an CEMP and OEMP.	■ Sufficient capacity in accommodation villages in Narrabri and Boggabri to accommodate peak construction workforce. ■ Benefits of the Project acknowledged, including benefits of renewable energy, employment and opportunities for businesses.	Complaints and Incident Response Protocols within CEMP and OEMP
Air Quality	<i>Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i>	■ Construction dust mitigation measures implemented such as watering of internal roads.	■ Construction of the Project would not cause adverse air quality impacts. ■ No significant air emissions sources during operation of the Project.	Air quality controls to be included in CEMP.

Further Consultation

Over the coming weeks, Whitehaven Energy will conduct pre-lodgement consultation on the Project with key stakeholders including State Government agencies. Feedback received will be considered in the EIS which is expected to be lodged with the State Government in September 2024. After this, it is anticipated that the EIS will be placed on public exhibition, providing an opportunity for submissions to be made by all stakeholders.

Accordingly, should you have any queries, require information or would like to provide specific feedback on the Project or the key findings in Table 1, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

If you have any queries regarding the Project or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any aspects of the above information, please don't hesitate to contact me (Tony Rymer) on 0412 114 171.

Yours sincerely

Tony Rymer
Project Manager

**ATTACHMENT A8-3
WHITEHAVEN SOLAR FARM PROJECT
ACCOMMODATION CONFIRMATION FROM CIVEO CORPORATION**

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Whitehaven Energy
Jabin de Keizer
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Dear Jabin,

As a follow-up to our conversation regarding the Whitehaven Energy project, which is a proposed solar farm nearby Narrabri.

Civeo Pty Ltd owns and operates a workforce accommodation village in Narrabri (off Old Gunnedah Road), which has a capacity of approximately 500 beds. The villages have individual accommodation units, with a central dining facility for guests. We currently have capacity to accommodate a peak workforce of approximately 65 workers for your project for an extended period of time.

We also own and operate another village located in Boggabri, which could be used as an alternative if Narrabri were unavailable for any reason. This village has a capacity of approximately 600 beds. .

If you would like to discuss any of the points above please don't hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Sincerely,

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