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Dear Paula

**Metz Solar Farm (SSD 7931)
Increase Vehicle Length**

I refer to your request dated 13 April 2021 seeking the Planning Secretary's discretion to increase the length of vehicles used for the development currently allowed under condition 1(b), Schedule 3 of the development consent for the Metz Solar Farm (SSD 7931).

The Department notes that:

- the proposed increase in vehicle length from 19 metres (m) to 26 m provides greater haulage capacity;
- there are no changes to the number of vehicle movements;
- no additional or amended road upgrades are required;
- all road upgrades as required under condition 4, Schedule 1 have been completed to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Armidale Regional Council's (Council's) satisfaction;
- TfNSW does not object to the proposed longer vehicle length provided the operation of the longer vehicles are in accordance with the requirements of the national heavy vehicle regulator, TfNSW and Council;
- the vehicle route along Waterfall Way is managed by TfNSW and is gazetted route for B-doubles, which can currently use the Waterfall Way between the New England Highway to the Bayley Park Road intersection;
- Bayley Park Road to the project site is managed by Council and Council confirms that this portion of the vehicle route can accommodate the proposed longer vehicle lengths; and
- Council requires drivers to be aware and considerate of existing school zones and to consult with Railcorp with regards to bridge crossing restrictions over existing railway lines at the intersection of Kentucky and Dangar.

The Department has also consulted the relevant roads authorities, Transport for NSW and Council, and both have confirmed they are satisfied with your proposed request for increase vehicle length on the condition that you strictly adhere to the remaining heavy vehicle restrictions as set out in condition 1, Schedule 3 of the development consent.

On this basis, the Planning Secretary, agrees to the increase vehicle length to 26 m. The obligations for the other heavy restrictions required under the consent, remain unchanged.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact May Patterson on 8275 1190 or at may.patterson@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Brewer
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary