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1 Executive summary

The Limondale Sun Farm (LSF) and Limondale Battery Energy Storage System (LBESS) is located approximately 14 Km South of Balranald on Yanga Way. The site is owned and operated by RWE. It was completed and fully operational in December 2021 and has an installed capacity of 349 MW DC which is supplied from 875,900 modules, 54 PCU and occupies 783 Ha. It is located within the Balranald Shire Council area. The site also includes the Operations and Maintenance Building, Limondale 2 Switch -Room and Limondale 1 and 2 Harmonic Filters. A substation was constructed as part of the project and is wholly operated by TransGrid and was not subject to this audit.

The Project was designated State Significant Development and was approved in 2017 as SSD - 8025. Two subsequent modification have occurred SSD-8025-Mod 1 "Panel height and Subdivision" was approved on 27/07/2018. Modification 2 SSD-8025-Mod 2 "Battery Energy Storage System" was approved on 07/10/2022.

There was no requirement for an Independent Audit in the original Conditions of Consent. However, Condition 5 Schedule 4 of Modification 2 included the requirement for an Independent Audit to be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (May 2020)*. As such this audit covers the operations of LSF and a Construction Audit of the LBESS

The Operations Audit covers the period from the commencement of operation as formally notified to the Department of Planning, Heritage and Infrastructure until 05/12/2024. RWE requested an extension of time to undertake the audit to coincide with the commencement of construction of the LBESS.

The Construction Audit of the LBESS was undertaken within 12 weeks of the commencement of construction as notified and covers the period from 21/10/2024 to 05/12/2024.

2 Introduction

2.1 Background

The Limondale Sun Farm (LSF) and Limondale Battery Energy Storage System (LBESS) is located approximately 14 Km South of Balranald on Yanga Way. The site is owned and operated by RWE. It was completed in December 2021 and has an installed capacity of 349 MW DC which is supplied from 875,900 modules, 54 PCU and occupies 783 Ha. It is located within the Balranald Shire Council area. The site also includes the Operations and Maintenance Building, Limondale 2 Switch -Room and Limondale 1 and 2 Harmonic Filters. A substation was constructed as part of the project and is wholly operated by TransGrid and was not subject to this audit.

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2.2 Audit team

Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd has been appointed to undertake this independent environmental audit. The auditor was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment. Details of the auditor are provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Auditor Details

Name	Qualifications	Key Experience
Patric Millar	B. Sc. M.E. Management Systems Auditing Leading Management Systems Audit teams Exemplar Global Auditor	30 years of environmental management experience including work in the agricultural, renewable and infrastructure sectors. Independent audits include: • Berrybank Wind Farm • Crookwell Wind Farm
Richard Peterson	B. E Civil M. Environmental Management Management Systems Auditing Leading Management Systems Audit teams Exemplar Global Auditor	25 years of environmental management experience in the infrastructure sector. Have undertaken over 100 audits including independent DPE audits for major infrastructure projects including: • Culcairn Solar farm • EnergyConnect • Crudine Ridge Windfarm • Sapphire Windfarm • Rye Park Windfarm • Albion Park Bypass • Warrell Creek to Nambucca Heads • Northern Road upgrade • Tweed Valley Hospital

Name	Qualifications	Key Experience
		Windsor Bridge

The DPE Letter of approval for the auditors is provided in Appendix A.

2.3 Audit Objectives

The key objective of the Independent Environmental Audit was to assess compliance of the Project with the Ministers Conditions of Approval (MCoA) (SSD 8025) and the implementation of management plans as outlined in the MCoA. The audit is to recognise good practices while providing practical and reasonable recommendations for improvement that can be implemented throughout the project as construction accelerates.

2.4 Audit Scope

This audit has been undertaken in accordance with Condition E 11 of the Ministers Conditions of approval as outlined below in Table 2.

Table 2: Independent Audit – Requirements

Condition Reference	Condition	Comment
5.	Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out at the frequency and in accordance with the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>. In addition, a Hazard Audit prepared by a suitably qualified person must be conducted and carried out within 12 months of commencing operations of any flow battery in accordance with the: (a) Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 5, 'Hazard Audit Guidelines'</i>; and (b) <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> (excluding audit frequencies).	
5A.	Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit.	Letter dated ??
5B.	The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition 5 of Schedule 4 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant of the date upon which the audit must be commenced.	Not Triggered at this stage

Condition Reference	Condition	Comment
5C.	In accordance with the specific requirements in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>, the Applicant must: (a) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 5 of Schedule 4 of this consent, or condition 5B of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary; (b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and (c) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the Planning Secretary, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.	Noted, all comments from DPHI have been included in Appendix ??
5D.	Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i> unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.	Noted
5E	Notwithstanding the requirements of the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i>, the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance.	Not triggered at this time

2.5 Audit period

This is the first independent audit for Limondale Solar Farm and covers the period from the commencement of operations of the solar farm to 05/12 2024.

The audit is also the first audit construction phase of the Limondale Battery energy Storage system from the commencement of construction on the 21/10/2024 to 05/12/2024.

3 Audit methodology

3.1 Selection and endorsement of audit team

The audit team was selected by RWE and endorsed by the DPHI on 14/02/2024 and confirmed at the commencement of the BESS construction on 24/10/2024 (see Appendix B).

3.2 Independent Audit scope development

The audit scope was developed in consideration of:

- The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (May 2020)*
- Conditions of Consent for Approval (SSD 8025) MOD 2 dated 07/10/2022
- Stakeholder feedback from relevant government stakeholders including:
 - Department of Planning, Heritage and Infrastructure
 - Biodiversity Conservation and Science Division
 - Heritage NSW
 - Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Councils
 - Balranald Shire Council
 - Rural Fire Service
 - Transport for New South Wales.

3.3 Compliance evaluation

Compliance against the Conditions of Consent (SSD8025) MOD 2 was assessed along with commitments made in the approved Management Plans for the Project.

3.4 Site interviews

Site interviews were conducted using an interview template developed specifically for Limondale Limondale Solar Farm and to reflect the Department' requirements and special areas for investigation through the audit.

3.5 Site inspections

The site inspection was carried out by the site Auditor Richard Peterson, on 9th December 2024. The Auditor was accompanied by representatives of RWE for the Inspection of the Operational Solar Farm and by representatives of both RWE and BEON for the construction aspects of the BESS Site.

Photographs from the Site Inspection are provided in Appendix F.

3.6 Consultation

Prior to the commencement of the audit the DPHI was contacted regarding the scope of the Audit. In their response they directed the Auditor to undertake formal consultation with the following agencies:

- Department of Planning, Heritage and Infrastructure
- Biodiversity Conservation and Science Division
- Heritage NSW
- Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Councils

- Balranald Shire Council
- Rural Fire Service
- Transport for New South Wales.

Letters were issued to all the above agencies on 14/11/2024. The correspondence register is contained in Appendix C.

3.7 Compliance status descriptors

The compliance status of each condition was determined using the relevant descriptors in Table 3

Table 3 Compliance Descriptors

Compliance Status	Description
Compliant (C)	Sufficient verifiable evidence to demonstrate that all elements of the requirement have been completed
Non- Compliant (NC)	One or more specific elements of the conditions or requirements have not been complied with within the scope of the audit
Not Triggered (NT)	A requirement has an activation or timing trigger that has not been met at the time when the audit was undertaken ⁴

4 Audit Findings

4.1 Approval and document list

4.1.1 Report / Plans

- Limondale Solar Farm, Environmental Impact Statement, EMM V2 11/04/2017
- Limondale Solar Farm, Accommodation and Employment Strategy, V5.1 23/08/2024 (from Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Farm, Biodiversity Management Plan-Stage V6 09/10/2024(from Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Farm, Environmental Management Strategy, V5.1 23/08/2024 (from Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Project, Heritage Management Plan V3 09/10/2024 (From Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Project, Traffic Management Plan, V7.1 16/09/2024 (from Major Projects website)
- Works as Executed Plans LIM-B02-R11_OVERALL SITE LAYOUT (from Major Projects Website)

4.1.2 Protocols/Policies/Registers/Procedures

- Equipment maintenance register
- Hazards Register
- Worksite Environmental Register
- Induction register
- Equipment Inductions Register

4.1.3 Presentations/Inductions

- RWE Renewables Australia Site Induction for Limondale Solar Farm
- Beon Site Induction Limondale Battery Energy Storage System

4.1.4 Environmental Inspections

- Daily Inspection
- Daily Weather Monitoring
- Daily Traffic Count
- Weed and Seed Assessment
- Monthly Environmental Inspection

4.2 Performance

A summary of compliance performance is provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Compliance summary

Schedule	Number of Conditions	Compliant		Non-Compliant	Not Triggered
1	Not used				

Schedule	Number of Conditions	Compliant		Non-Compliant	Not Triggered
2	13	9			4
3	32	29			3
4	6	6			0
Total	51	44			7

4.3 Summary of agency notices, orders, penalty notices or prosecutions

At the time of the Audit the Limondale Sun Farm had received one agency notice from NSW Heritage. A Direction to Carry Out Remedial Works under Section 91L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (2021031751). The Direction was as a result of a reportable incident that occurred in 7 January 2020 when Aboriginal ancestral remains that were discovered within Solar Block 84 during construction of the Limondale Sun Farm on 7 January 2020. The skeletal fragments were exposed by development activities (possibly aided by wind erosion) on an aeolian sand dune within the solar farm during the construction phase of the project. The incident was reported to NSW Police and the Department of Planning Industry and Environment. The process is documented in Appendix D of the Heritage Management Plan.

A subsequent site inspection occurred from 13 – 14 February 2020. The site inspection resulted in the identification of two further isolated Aboriginal finds within Block 84.

Further site inspections were undertaken from 2 – 13 March 2020. Isolated objects consisting of a grinding plate fragment (Block 85), a small bone fragment (Block 85), a stone flake (Block 84) and small pieces of mussel shell (Block 84). The Aboriginal ancestral remains were discovered on 2 March 2020. A report was prepared for the Police and the DHPI notified.

The remains have been sympathetically reburied on site which was supervised by the RAPs. Heritage Management Plan has been updated to reflect the outcome of the incident. The ongoing management of the find site has seen the site layout revised and the installation of a fenced exclusion zone. The local Registered Aboriginal Parties have been and continue to be involved in the management of the site

4.4 Non-compliances

There were no recorded non – compliance recorded at the time of the Audit.

4.5 Previous audit recommendations

This is the first independent audit conducted and as such there are no previous audit recommendations which needed to be assessed for close out. There have been two Operational Compliance reports prepared in house by RWE that cover the first two years of operation.

4.6 EMP, Sub-plans and compliance documents

The management plans were reviewed and considered generally adequate and having identified suitable controls for managing environmental impacts of the project. The management plans implemented for the construction phase have been prepared by suitably qualified personnel and approved by DPHI following consultation with relevant stakeholders. The plans are technically robust and meet the conditions of approval and other relevant legislative requirements.

The plans were updated prior to the commencement of construction of the BESS and subsequently approved by the DPHI. The updated management plans are adequate for the current scope of work and were observed to be implemented effectively in the field.

4.7 Environmental performance

Based on the observations, audit interviews and records reviews as part of the audit, it may be reasonably concluded that the environmental impacts of construction and operation of the Solar Farm activities and the current construction activities on the BESS are consistent with predictions made in the Environmental Impact Statement. It was observed that:

- on site ground disturbance activities for the Solar farm were undertaken are generally within the disturbance area described in the EIS with boundary fencing and exclusion zones were fenced to prevent access.
- The solar farm was securely fenced with vermin proof fencing.
- The construction area for the BESS was generally neat and tidy, there was no active clearing associated with the construction of the BESS as it is being constructed on a previously cleared and compacted hard stand.
- There were no observed off-site impacts such as:
 - Evidence or reports of clearing outside the Project boundary.
 - Visible dust plumes or emissions.
 - Dust or mud tracking on local roads.
 - Excessive noise or vibration emissions, noting that current activities are at a substantial distance from residential or other sensitive receivers with no complaints received to date.
 - No offsite incidents of fuel, chemical spills, unlawful waste disposal or pollution of waters or complaints received were observed or reported.

4.8 Consultation outcomes

The DPHI was formally consulted on 01/11/2024 to request their audit requirements. They advised that the following areas required focus:

- Erosion and sediment control management, maintenance and monitoring.
- Compliance with approved footprint.
- Appropriate approvals for the BESS being obtained such as CC.
- Compliance with truck movements, routes and TMP.
- Compliance with noise criteria including both during BESS construction and current solar farm operations.
- Compliance with commitments within the Heritage Management Plan and Biodiversity Management Plan such as monitoring, reporting, and the like.
- Compliance with emergency and fire study conditions (conditions 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29).
- Complaints register management, monitoring and response.

In addition to the above focus areas the DPPHI requested that the following agencies be consulted for their audit requirements:

- Balranald Aboriginal Land Councils
- Balranald Shire Council
- Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate
- Department of Primary Industries
- Heritage NSW
- Rural Fire Service
- Transport for New South Wales

Letters were issued to all the above agencies on 14/11/2024. Copies of the outgoing correspondence is contained in Appendix C along with a table outlining the results of the consultation.

4.9 Complaints

A Complaints Register is maintained by RWE where information regarding complaints is recorded, including the relevant resolution. The register is available on the website. There were two complaints at the time of the audit that related to vehicle noise at offsite accommodation in 2019. There are no current complaints for wither the operation of the Solar Farm or the Construction of the BESS.

4.10 Incidents

There were no reportable incidents reported during the audit period. However, on 7 January 2020 which is outside the Audit period Aboriginal ancestral remains were discovered within Solar Block 84 during construction of the Limondale Sun Farm on 7 January 2020. The skeletal fragments were exposed by development activities (possibly aided by wind erosion) on an aeolian sand dune within the solar farm during the construction phase of the project. This was reported to NSW Police and the Department of Planning Industry and Environment. The process is documented in Appendix D of the Heritage Management Plan.

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4.11 Actual verses predicted environmental impacts

The actual verse predicted environmental impacts are shown in Table 5. Audit findings.

Table 5: Audit Findings

Aspect	Auditor Observations
Traffic Management	No traffic management issues were identified by the Audit site inspection. The intersection of the site access road with Yanga Way has been upgraded and sealed (to 50m) to prevent off site mud tracking. A register is kept on site to track vehicle movements. Speed restriction signage has been placed on the haul road (40k/ hr) and within the BESS site (10k/hr).
Dust Suppression	Measures implemented to control dust were effective and included • dust covers on spoil haulage trucks • Speed restrictions • Compaction of base layers • Revegetation of solar farm to provide groundcover • Water cart
Progressive Revegetation	Revegetation of the Solar farm is complete. Revegetation of the BESS

Aspect	Auditor Observations
	site will occur at the completion of construction
Fuels and Chemicals	Minor volumes of chemicals and fuels were stored on site. Chemicals were stored in bunded and ventilated containers with mobile bunds available for small fuel containers. A refuelling area had been established on the site with stocked spill kits available in the event of a spill
Plant and Equipment Maintenance	Appropriate records were provided to the Auditor demonstrating planned and systematic onboarding and maintenance of equipment
Erosion and Sediment Control	There were no erosion and sedimentation issues identified during the Audit site inspection. The Solar Farm site has been effectively revegetated, thereby eliminating erosion risk. The footprint of the BESS site is relatively small and on flat terrain, with no creek crossings impacted by the work. An erosion and sediment control plan has been prepared and implemented including perimeter sediment fences.
Visual Impacts	There were no adverse visual impact issues identified by the Audit; the nearest receptors are a substantial distance from the work. There have been no complaints regarding visual impacts during the audit period.
Heritage Management	One heritage protection area was observed at the Solar Farm site. The area had been fenced off with timber vegetation provided to prevent erosion
Fire Management	Resources available in the event of a fire included fire extinguishers (provided in vehicles) and water supply on the Solar Farm site. An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) has been established around the Solar Farm.
Waste Management	Quantities of waste generated are relatively minor. Appropriate waste storage containers are provided on site. Housekeeping was a high standard with no littering observed
Noise and Vibration	No noise and vibration issues were identified during the audit site inspection. All works are undertaken during the standard approved working hours. No high impact work such as drilling or rock breaking observed. Non tonal reversing alarms (squarkers) are used at the BESS site
Biodiversity	No significant biodiversity issues were identified. Plant and equipment is retained on site with no interaction with nearby farms. Pest baits are placed around the Solar farm. No weed proliferation issues were identified.

The actual environmental impacts less than the predicted environmental impacts. This is due to an additional area of land not being cleared in the vicinity of Blocks 84 and 85 where unexpected cultural heritage items were found. This discovery led to these blocks not being cleared resulting in a reduced clearing footprint and a positive environmental outcome.

4.12 Site inspection

A site inspection of the Operational Solar Farm and the construction area of the BESS was undertaken on 09/12/2024. It was undertaken by Richard Peterson

4.13 Site interviews

Site interviews were conducted using an interview template developed specifically for Limondale Solar Farm and to reflect the Department's requirements and special areas for investigation through the audit. Site interviews were conducted with all project staff who attend site regularly and are in a managerial role. These included:

- Tom Huber, HSE Manager, RWE
- Nam Ha Quach, Construction Project Manager, RWE
- Nathaniel Irving, BEON, Site Manager
- Jason Nikola, BEON, HSE Advisor

During the interviews staff were asked a series of questions focused on implementation of environmental management strategies, the general environmental principals, project stakeholder communication, air quality (dust), chain of command, employee understanding of their role related to environmental matters, incident management and environmental risk management.

4.14 Previous Annual Review or Compliance Report recommendations

There were no items identified in the two previous Annual reviews that required attention or remediation.

4.15 Improvement opportunities

The site is well organised and run. RWE have paid attention to ensuring compliance with the Conditions of Consent for the development. Ongoing monitoring of rehabilitated areas is recommended. Careful attention to traffic counting is recommended particularly due to ongoing unrelated works on the adjacent Substation.

4.16 Key strengths

Overall, the project environmental performance is being carried out in a diligent and conscientious manner. The auditor observed that the management team and work crews all displayed a willingness to rectify any issues raised quickly and effectively. The Auditor was impressed by the emphasis the management team has placed on compliance and problem-solving. The following key strengths were noted.

- External stakeholder engagement is regular and well-delivered.
- A complaints register is in place with complaints been recorded and responded to appropriately.
- The management team is eager to engage with the management plans and source external professional assistance to provide the knowledge or skills for Plan development and implementation, as required.
- The good understanding of the site environmental requirements by all staff is evident.
- Waste segregation is in place and communicated well to site staff.
- Documentation is well managed, mostly up to date and complete.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Non-compliances

There were no recorded non – compliance recorded at the time of the Audit.

5.2 Opportunities for improvement

Ongoing monitoring of the rehabilitation is recommended. A focus on accurate record keeping for heavy vehicle access whilst TransGrid are undertaking unrelated works nearby is recommended.

6 Conclusion

The solar farm is well organised and well managed by RWE. The construction of the BESS is progressing well. Ts site is neat and tidy, and the workforce is aware of and committed to their environmental requirements. Record keeping is efficient and captures all the required data.

7 **Appendixes**

Appendix A – Independent Audit Table

Appendix B Independent Audit Table

Limondale Sun Farm Pty Ltd Project Approval SSD8025 Conditions of Consent

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
SCHEDULE 2 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS					
	OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT				
1.	In addition to meeting the specific environmental performance criteria established under this consent, the Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, upgrading or decommissioning of the development.	Audit Documentation Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	TERMS OF CONSENT				
2.	The Applicant must carry out the development: a) generally in accordance with the EIS; and b) in accordance with the conditions of this consent. <i>Note: The general layout of the development is shown in Appendix 1.</i>	EIS Conditions of Consent Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
3.	If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the most recent document must prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this consent must prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.			Not Triggered	
4.	The Applicant must comply with any requirement/s of the Planning Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of: a) any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent; b) any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and c) (c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents	Conditions of Consent Approved Management Plans		Compliant	
	FINAL LAYOUT PLANS				
5.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must submit detailed plans of the final layout of the development to the Planning	BESS Plans Portal Lodgement	Plans reviewed during site visit, Plan on website	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	Secretary, including details on the siting of solar panels and ancillary infrastructure. <i>Note: If the construction of the development is to be staged, then the provision of these plans may be staged.</i>				
	UPGRADING OF SOLAR PANELS AND ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE				
6.	Over time, the Applicant may upgrade the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure on site provided these upgrades remain within the approved development footprint of the site. Prior to carrying out any such upgrades, the Applicant must provide revised layout plans and project details of the development to the Planning Secretary incorporating the proposed upgrades.			Not Triggered	
	WORK AS EXECUTED PLANS				
7.	Prior to the commencement of operations, or following the upgrades of any solar panels or ancillary infrastructure, the Applicant must submit work as executed plans of the development, to the Department.	Plan LIM-B02-R11_OVERALL SITE LAYOUT lodged via Portal		Complaint	
	NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT				
8.	Prior to the commencement of construction, operations, upgrading or decommissioning of the development or the cessation of operations, the Applicant must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement, or cessation, of the relevant phase. If any of these phases of the development are to be staged, then the Applicant must notify the Department in writing prior to the commencement of the relevant stage, and clearly identify the development that would be carried out during the relevant stage.	RWE Letter dated 24/09/2024 BESS Construction RWE Letter dated 30/05/2023 Operations		Compliant	
	STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY				
9.	The Applicant must ensure that all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are	Construction Certificate – O&M buildings	Building Certificates sighted	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Building Code of Australia. <i>Notes:</i> - Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the proposed building works. - Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the development.				
	DEMOLITION				
10.	The Applicant must ensure that all demolition work on site is carried out in accordance with <i>Australian Standard AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of Structures</i> , or its latest version.			Not Triggered	
	PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE				
11.	Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant must: a) repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the development; and b) relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development. This condition does not apply to the upgrade and maintenance of the road network, which is expressly provided for in the conditions of this consent.	Any requests from Balranald Shire Council for works			
	OPERATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
12.	The Applicant must ensure that all plant and equipment used on site, or in connection with the development, is: a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.	Registers onboarding	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	SUBDIVISION				

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
13.	Applicant may subdivide Lot 12 DP 751179 to create one additional allotment, in accordance with the EIS and the requirements of the EP&A Act and EP&A Regulation. <i>Notes:</i> • Under Part 6 of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain a subdivision certificate for a plan of subdivision. • Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the application requirements for subdivision certificates.	Sub division certificate	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
SCHEDULE 3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS – GENERAL					
	BATTERIES				
	Battery storage restriction				
1.	The battery storage associated with the development must not exceed a total delivery capacity of 200 MW. <i>Note: This condition does not prevent the Applicant from seeking to lodge a separate development application or modify the consent to increase the capacity of the battery storage in the future.</i>	Specifications	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	TRANSPORT				
	Heavy Vehicle Restrictions				
2.	The Applicant must ensure that the: (a) development does not generate more than: • 54 heavy vehicle movements a day during construction, upgrading or decommissioning; and • 2 heavy vehicle movements a day during operations; on the public road network; and (b) length of any vehicles used for the development does not exceed 26 metres, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.	Traffic register			
3.	The Applicant must keep accurate records of the number of heavy vehicles entering or leaving the site each day.	Traffic register			
	Access Route				

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
4.	All vehicular traffic associated with the development must travel to and from the project site via Yanga Way and the approved site entry point (shown in Appendix 1).	Site Inspection Site Induction	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Road Upgrades				
5.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must: (a) construct the intersection with Yanga Way to provide, as a minimum, a new Basic Right Turn (BAR) and Basic Left Turn (BAL) treatment to be able to accommodate the largest vehicle accessing the intersection, to the satisfaction of RMS, and in accordance with the Austroads Guide to Road Design (as amended by TfNSW supplements), unless TfNSW agrees otherwise; (b) construct the site access track to provide for 2 way vehicular movement between its intersection with Yanga Way and the existing access track and be sealed for a minimum of 50 metres from its intersection with Yanga Way, to the satisfaction of TfNSW; and (c) close the existing site entry off Yanga Way, and reinstate the road reserve to match the surrounding roadside landform, to the satisfaction of TfNSW and Council.	(a) Intersection Design, Photos (b) Measured during audit	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Operating Conditions				
6.	The Applicant must ensure: (a) the internal project site roadways are constructed as all-weather roadways; (b) there is sufficient parking on site for all vehicles, and no parking occurs on the public road network in the vicinity of the site; (c) all vehicles are loaded and unloaded on site, and enter and leave the site in a forward direction; and (d) vehicles leaving the site are in a clean condition and do not result in dirt being tracked onto the public road network.	Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Traffic Management Plan				

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
7.	Prior to the commencement of any road upgrades required under this consent, the Applicant must prepare a Traffic Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must be prepared in consultation with the TfNSW, Council and Western Local Land Services, and include: (a) details of the entire transport route to be used for development-related traffic; (b) the origin, destination, number, loads, weights and lengths, frequency, including peak and daily traffic volumes and destination of vehicles accessing/exiting the site; (c) details of the measures that would be implemented to minimise traffic safety issues and disruption to local users of the transport route/s during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works, including: • consideration of potential interaction with Sunraysia Solar Farm in consultation with the applicant of that project; • temporary traffic controls, including detours and signage; • notifying the local community about project-related traffic impacts; • procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from the community about development-related traffic; • minimising potential for conflict with school buses, rail services and other motorists as far as practicable; • scheduling of haulage vehicle movements to minimise convoy length or platoons; • responding to local climate conditions that may affect road safety such as fog, dust, wet weather; • responding to any emergency repair or maintenance requirements;	Limondale Solar Farm Traffic Management Plan Version 7.2 dated 16/09/2024 EMM Approved by Planning Secretary 25/09/2024 Traffic Register Induction		Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- a traffic management system for managing over-dimensional vehicles; and - consideration of potential impacts to stock movement on the Travelling Stock Reserve (Lots 7306 and 7307 DP 1158277), including options for fencing the site access track; and (d) a driver's code of conduct that addresses: - travelling speeds; - procedures to ensure that drivers adhere to the designated transport routes; and - procedures to ensure that drivers implement safe driving practices and manage driver fatigue, particularly if using roads through Balranald. - If the construction and/or decommissioning of the development is to be staged, the obligations in this condition apply to each stage of construction, upgrading and/or decommissioning. Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the plan.				
	LAND MANAGEMENT				
8.	Following any construction or upgrading on site, the Applicant must: (a) restore the ground cover of the site as soon as practicable, but within 12 months at the latest following completion of any construction or upgrading, using suitable species; (b) maintain ground cover; and (c) keep this ground cover free of weeds.	Site inspection, Inspection reports	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	BIODIVERSITY				
	Retirement of Credits				
9.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must review and update the ecosystem credit requirements in Table 1 below in consultation with BCS, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.	Check clearing status for BESS	Confirmation of Credit retirement sighted	Compliant	

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10.	Within 1 year of the commencement of construction, the Applicant must retire the biodiversity credits of a number and class identified in the review carried out under condition 9 above. The retirement of the credits must be carried out in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects and can be achieved by: (a) acquiring or retiring credits under the Biobanking Scheme in the TSC Act; (b) making payments into an offset fund that has been developed by the NSW Government; or (c) providing supplementary measures.	Evidence of Credit retirement	Confirmation of Credit retirement sighted	Compliant										
	Biodiversity Management Plan													
11.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Biodiversity Management Plan for the development in consultation with BCS, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must: (a) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:	Limondale Solar Farm Biodiversity Management Plan Final Version 06		Compliant										

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- managing the remnant vegetation and fauna habitat on the site; - minimising clearing and avoiding unnecessary disturbance of vegetation, including the vegetation communities listed in Table 1, that is associated with the construction and operation of the development; - minimising the impacts to fauna on site and implementing fauna management protocols; - rehabilitating and revegetating temporary disturbance areas; - protecting vegetation and fauna habitat outside the approved disturbance areas; - protecting areas of retained trees and vegetation (including locating stockpiles, parking, boundary fencing and machinery storage within cleared areas or areas proposed for clearing); - maximising the salvage of vegetative and soil resources within the approved disturbance area for beneficial reuse in the enhancement or the rehabilitation of the site; - controlling weeds and feral pests; and - undertaking pre-clearance surveys of all hollow-bearing trees if clearing is to be undertaken between July and November; (b) include a seasonally based program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures; and (c) include details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan, and timeframes for completion of actions. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the plan. <i>Note: If a biodiversity offset area is conserved via a Biobanking Agreement in accordance with condition 10a, then the Biodiversity</i>	dated 9/10/2024 EMM Approved by Planning Secretary 11/10/2024			

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	<i>Management Plan does not need to include any of the matters that are covered under the Biobanking Agreement.</i>				
	AMENITY				
	Construction, Upgrading and Decommissioning Hours				
12.	Unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant may only undertake construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site between: (a) 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday; (b) 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays; and (c) at no time on Sundays and NSW public holidays. The following construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities may be undertaken outside these hours without the approval of the Planning Secretary: • the delivery of materials as requested by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or • • emergency work to avoid the loss of life, property and/or material harm to the environment.	Site Induction RWE to confirm Secretary's Approval	Secretary's Approval for modified hours of operation sighted	Complaint	
	Noise				
13.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the noise generated by any construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site in accordance with the best practice requirements outlined in the <i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009)</i>, or its latest version; and (a) (b) ensure that the noise generated by the operation of the development does not exceed 35 dB(A) LAeq, 15min during operation, determined in accordance with the procedures in the <i>NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017)</i> at any non-associated residence.	Complaints register Noise model	Nil complaints	Compliant	
	Dust				

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14.	The Applicant must minimise the dust generated by the development, including dust generated along the transport route from development-related traffic.	Site Induction Speed Limit Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Visual				
15.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the off-site visual impacts of the development, including the potential for any glare or reflection from the solar panels; (b) ensure the visual appearance of all ancillary infrastructure (including paint colours) blends in as far as possible with the surrounding landscape; and (c) not mount any advertising signs or logos on site, except where this is required for safety purposes.	Site Design Complaints Register	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Lighting				
16.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the off-site lighting impacts of the development; and (b) ensure that all external lighting associated with the development: - is installed as low intensity lighting (except where required for safety or emergency purposes); - does not shine above the horizontal; and - complies with <i>Australian Standard AS4282 (INT) 1997 – Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting</i>, or its latest version	Building design Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	HERITAGE				
	Discovery of Human Remains				
17.	If human remains are discovered on site, then all work surrounding the area must cease, and the area must be secured. The Applicant must notify the NSW Police and Heritage NSW as soon as possible following the discovery, and work must not recommence in the area until this is authorised by Heritage NSW.	Chance Finds Protocol	Was activated during Solar Farm construction	Complaint	

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	Chance Finds Protocol				
18.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Chance Finds Protocol for the development in consultation with the Aboriginal Stakeholders, and to the satisfaction of Heritage NSW. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the Chance Finds Protocol.	Appendix C Limondale Solar Farm Heritage Management Plan Version 02 dated Approved by Planning Secretary 08/06/2021		Compliant	
	Operating Conditions				
19.	The Applicant must: (a) ensure the development does not cause any direct or indirect impact on the Aboriginal heritage sites identified in the table in Appendix 2, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise; and (b) salvage heritage items L1, L9 and L11 prior to construction; (c) carry out detailed test excavations and salvage (if required) for potential Archaeological deposits 47-6-0605 and 47-6-0606 prior to construction of the transmission line between the project site and Balranald substation. <i>Note: The locations of the Aboriginal heritage items referred to in this condition are shown on the figure in Appendix 2</i>	(a) Limondale Solar Farm Heritage Management Plan Version 02 dated 09/03/2021 Biosis Approved by Planning Secretary 08/06/2021 (b) Salvage has been undertaken (c) As required		Compliant	
	Heritage Management Plan				
20.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must: (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary;	Limondale Solar Farm Heritage Management Plan Version 02 dated 09/03/2021 Biosis		Complaint	

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	(b) be prepared in consultation with Heritage NSW and Aboriginal stakeholders; (c) include updated baseline mapping of the heritage items within and adjoining the development disturbance area; (d) include a methodology for test excavations of potential Archaeological deposits 47-6-0605 and 47-6-0606 in accordance with <i>Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects (DECCW, 2010)</i> and including a description of the measures that would be implemented to manage the impacts of the development; (e) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for: • protecting Aboriginal heritage sites outside the development disturbance area; • minimising and managing the impacts of the development on heritage items within the disturbance footprint, including: - salvage of heritage items L1, L9 and L11; and - a strategy for the long term management of any Aboriginal heritage items or material collected during the test excavation or salvage works; • a contingency plan and reporting procedure if: - Aboriginal heritage items outside the approved disturbance area are damaged; • ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; • ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan; and (f) a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any heritage impacts of the project.	Approved by Planning Secretary 08/06/2021			

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	Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan.				
	SOIL & WATER				
	Water Pollution				
21.	The Applicant must ensure that the development does not cause any water pollution, as defined under Section 120 of the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> .	Site Inspection ESCP Stormwater Plans	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Soil Erosion				
22.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise any soil erosion associated with the construction, upgrading or decommissioning of the development in accordance with the relevant requirements in the <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004)</i> manual, or its latest version; and (b) ensure the solar panels and associated infrastructure are designed, constructed and maintained to avoid causing any tunnel erosion on site.	ESCP for BESS Site inspection for Solar Farm	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Stormwater Drainage				
23.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must: 1. prepare detailed Stormwater Plans for the site to the satisfaction of Council, in accordance with the requirements in Council's <i>Engineering Guidelines – Subdivisions and Development Standards and Stormwater Drainage and Disposal Policy</i> ; and 2. submit a copy of these plans to the Department. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the plan.	Stormwater Plans BESS submitted to Department	Stormwater Plans sighted	Compliant	
	HAZARDS				
	Storage and Handling of Dangerous Goods				
24.	The Applicant must: (a) store and handle all chemicals, fuels and oils used on-site in accordance with:	MSDS, Chemical storage for Solar Farm	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- i the requirements of all relevant Australian Standards; and - ii the NSW EPA's <i>Storing and Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection – Participants Handbook</i> if the chemicals are liquids. (b) ensure the substation is suitably banded; and (c) minimise any spills of hazardous materials or hydrocarbons, and clean up any spills as soon as possible after they occur In the event of an inconsistency between the requirements of (i) and (ii) above, the most stringent requirement must prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.	Procedure for BESS			
	Operating Conditions				
25.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the fire risks of the development, including managing vegetation fuel loads on-site; (b) ensure that the development: • includes at least a 10 metre defendable space that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of the solar array area, and a 10 m defendable space around any battery storage and associated infrastructure areas; • manages the defendable space and solar array area as an Asset Protection Zone; • complies with the relevant asset protection requirements in the RFS's <i>Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019</i> (or equivalent) and Standards for Asset Protection Zones; • is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site. (c) assist the RFS and emergency services as much as practicable if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site; and	Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	

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	(d) notify the relevant local emergency management committee following construction of the development, and prior to the commencement of operations.				
	Emergency Response Plan				
26.	Prior to the commencement of operations (excluding battery storage), the Applicant must prepare an Emergency Response Plan for the development in consultation with the RFS and Fire & Rescue NSW. This plan must identify the fire risks and controls of the development, and the procedures that would be implemented if there is a fire on site or in the vicinity of the site. Two copies of the plan must be kept on site in a prominent position adjacent to the site entry point at all times.	Emergency Response Plan	No water requirement for BESS. Adequate water is available on site for firefighting purposes.	Complaint	
26A.	Prior to commissioning of the battery storage, the Applicant must revise the Emergency Response Plan, in consultation with the RFS and Fire & Rescue NSW. The revised plan must: (a) be prepared in accordance with the findings of the Fire Safety Study required under Condition 27 of Schedule 3; (b) be consistent with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 1, <i>'Emergency Planning' and RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019</i> (or equivalent); (c) include details on how the battery storage and sub-systems can be safely isolated in an emergency; (d) include bushfire emergency management planning, including: - details of the location, management and maintenance of Asset Protection Zones; - a list of works that must not be carried out during a total fire ban; - details of how RFS would be notified, and procedures that would be implemented in the event that: • there is a fire on-site or in the vicinity of the site;			Not Triggered	

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	- there are any activities on site that would have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation; or - there are any proposed activities to be carried out during a bushfire danger period; and (e) include an Emergency Services Information Package, prepared in accordance with Emergency services information package and tactical fire plan (Fire & Rescue NSW, 2019). The Applicant must: a) implement the revised Emergency Response Plan for the duration of the development; b) provide a copy to the local Fire Control Centre and Fire & Rescue NSW; and c) following commencement of operations of the battery storage, keep a copy of the Emergency Service				
	Fire Safety Study				
27.	Prior to commencing construction of the battery storage, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must prepare a Fire Safety Study to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary, in consultation with Fire & Rescue NSW. The study must: (a) be consistent with the Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 2 'Fire Safety Study'</i> guideline; (b) be consistent with the NSW <i>'Best Practice Guidelines for Contaminated Water Retention and Treatment Systems'</i>. (c) describe the final design of the battery storage; (d) include reasonable worst-case fire scenario to and from the battery storage and the associated fire management; (e) identify measures to eliminate the expansion of any fire incident including: - adequate fire safety systems and water supply; - separation and / or compartmentalisation of battery units; and	Limondale BESS Fire Study Version 04 dated 17/08/2024 GHD Approved by Planning Secretary 15/08/2024		Complaint	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- strategies and incident control measures specific to the battery storage design. Following approval by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must implement the measures described in the Fire Safety Study. Note: to satisfy 'in consultation with Fire & Rescue NSW' above, the Applicant should provide confirmation in writing from Fire & Rescue NSW that the Study meets the requirements of Fire & Rescue NSW.				
	Final Hazard Analysis				
28.	Prior to commencing construction of any flow battery storage, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must prepare a Final Hazard Analysis in accordance with the Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 6, 'Hazard Analysis'</i> to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the Final Hazard Analysis.			N/A	
	Safety Management System				
29.	Prior to commencing commissioning of any flow battery storage, the Applicant must prepare and implement a Safety Management System in accordance with the <i>Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 9, 'Safety Management'</i> to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the Safety Management System.			N/A	
	WASTE				
30.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the waste generated by the development; (b) classify all waste generated on site in accordance with the EPA's <i>Waste Classification Guidelines 2014</i> (or its latest version); (c) store and handle all waste on site in accordance with its classification; (d) not receive or dispose of any waste on site; and	Waste Register x 2 Storage waste areas	Confirmed during site visit, waste is being separated, disposal dockets sighted	Compliant	

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	(e) remove all waste from the site as soon as practicable, and ensure it is sent to an appropriately licensed waste facility for disposal.				
	ACCOMMODATION AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY				
31.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare an Accommodation and Employment Strategy for the development in consultation with Council, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This strategy must: (a) provide updated estimates of the likely accommodation demand of the development, including consideration of the potential interaction with Sunraysia Solar Farm and the Balranald Mineral Sands Mine, in consultation with the applicant of that project; (b) investigate options for maximising the use of available accommodation within Balranald during construction of the development; (c) propose a strategy to facilitate the accommodation of the workforce associated with the development; (d) investigate options for prioritising the employment of local workers for the construction and operation of the development where feasible; and (e) include a program to monitor and review the effectiveness of the strategy over the life of the development. Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the strategy.	Limondale Solar Farm Accommodation and Employment Strategy Version 5.1 dated 23/08/2024 EMM. Approved by Planning Secretary 19/09/2024		Complaint	
	DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION				
32.	Within 18 months of the cessation of operations, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant shall rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This rehabilitation must comply with the objectives in Table 2.			Not Triggered	

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SCHEDULE 4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING															
	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT														
	Environmental Management Strategy														
1.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare an Environmental Management Strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This strategy must: (a) provide the strategic framework for environmental management of the development; (b) identify the statutory approvals that apply to the development; (c) describe the role, responsibility, authority and accountability of all key personnel involved in the environmental management of the development; (d) describe the procedures that would be implemented to: - keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the operation and environmental performance of the development; - receive, handle, respond to, and record complaints;	Limondale Solar Farm Environmental Management Strategy Version 5.1 dated 23/08/2024 EMM Approved by Planning Secretary 19/09/2024		Complaint											

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	• resolve any disputes that may arise; • respond to any non-compliance; • respond to emergencies; and (e) include: • copies of any plans approved under the conditions of this consent; and • a clear plan depicting all the monitoring to be carried out in relation to the development. Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Environmental Management Strategy.				
	Revision of Strategies and Plans				
2.	The Applicant must: (a) update the strategies and plans required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary prior to carrying out any upgrading or decommissioning activities on site; and (b) review and, if necessary, revise the strategies and plans required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary within 1 month of the: • submission of an incident report under condition 3 below; or • any modification to the conditions of consent.	Plans were updated prior to commencement of construction of BESS and approved by Planning Secretary dates below TMP 25/09/2024 BMP 11/10/2024 HMP 08/06/2021 AES 19/09/2024 EMS 19/09/2024		Complaint	
	COMPLIANCE				
	Incident Notification				
3.	The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website immediately after the Applicant becomes aware of an incident. The notification must identify the development (including the development application number and the name of the development if it has one) and set out the location and nature of the incident. Subsequent		Heritage NSW notified of Chance Finds		

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	notification requirements must be given, and reports submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 3.				
	NON-COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION				
4.	The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website within seven days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance.			Complaint	
4A.	A non-compliance notification must identify the development and the application number for it, set out the condition of consent that the development is non-compliant with, the way in which it does not comply and the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been, or will be, undertaken to address the non-compliance.			Noted	
4B.	A non-compliance which has been notified as an incident does not need to also be notified as a noncompliance.			Noted	
	INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT				
5.	Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out at the frequency and in accordance with the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> . In addition, a Hazard Audit prepared by a suitably qualified person must be conducted and carried out within 12 months of commencing operations of any flow battery in accordance with the: (c) Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 5, 'Hazard Audit Guidelines'</i> ; and (d) <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> (excluding audit frequencies).		This is the first Independent Audit		
5A.	Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit.	Letter from DPHI dated 24/10/2024		Complaint	
5B.	The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition 5 of Schedule 4 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant of the date upon which the audit must be commenced.			Not triggered	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
5C.	In accordance with the specific requirements in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> , the Applicant must: (d) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 5 of Schedule 4 of this consent, or condition 5B of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary; (e) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and (f) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the Planning Secretary, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.			Not triggered	
5D.	Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i> unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.			Not triggered	
5E	Notwithstanding the requirements of the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i> , the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance.			Not triggered	
	ACCESS TO INFORMATION				
6.	The Applicant must: (a) make the following information publicly available on its website as relevant to the stage of the development: - the EIS; - the final layout plans for the development; - current statutory approvals for the development; - the proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation or decommissioning of the development is to be staged; - how complaints about the development can be made;	Review of websites for Solar Farm and BESS undertaken on :03/2/2025		Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- a complaints register; - any other matter required by the Planning Secretary; and (b) keep this information up to date.				

Appendix B – Planning Secretary Audit Team Agreement

NSW Planning ref: SSD-8025-PA-65

Mr Thomas Huber
HSSE Manager
RWE RENEWABLES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD
350 COLLINS STREET
MELBOURNE Victoria 3000
14/02/2024

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Limondale Solar Farm - 2024 Independent Environmental Audit team approval

Dear Mr Huber

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSD-8025-PA-65, requesting for the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person/s to conduct an Independent Environmental Audit of Limondale Solar Farm, submitted as required by Schedule 4, Condition 5A of SSD-8025 as modified (the consent) to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW Planning) on 7 February 2024.

NSW Planning has reviewed the independent auditors nominations and based on the information you have provided is satisfied that the proposed persons are suitably qualified, experienced, and independent.

In accordance with Schedule 4, Condition 5A of the consent and the NSW Planning, *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020), as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I endorse the following independent audit team:

- Mr Patric Millar of Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd and
- Mr Richard Peterson of Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd

Please ensure this correspondence is appended to the Independent Audit Report. This endorsement is conditional on the auditor/s maintaining a current Exemplar Global certification and independence from the project.

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of consent/approval and the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020). Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

NSW Planning reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

Notwithstanding the endorsement of the above independent audit team for the project, each respective project approval or consent requires a request for endorsement of the independent auditor or audit team be submitted to NSW Planning, for consideration of the Planning Secretary. Each request is reviewed and depending on the complexity of future projects, the suitability of a proposed auditor or audit team will be considered.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 0429400261 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. O'Reilly".

Katrina O'Reilly
Team Leader - Compliance
Compliance
As nominee of the Planning Secretary

NSW Planning ref: SSD-8025-PA-81
Mr Nam Ha Quach
Construction Project Manager
RWE RENEWABLES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD
350 COLLINS STREET
MELBOURNE Victoria 3000
24/10/2024

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Limondale Solar Farm and Limondale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Dear Mr Quach

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSD-8025-PA-81, requesting clarification regarding the upcoming Independent Environmental Audit for Limondale Solar submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW Planning) on 24 October 2024.

I can confirm that:

- Richard Peterson and Patric Millar from Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd are still endorsed as the Independent Auditors, providing they are still independent of the project and
- the audit scope is to cover the;
 - operations of Limondale Solar Farm from 2022 to the date of the audit inspection and
 - The initial phase of the construction of the Limondale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project.

You are reminded to ensure that the audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of consent and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020).

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 0429400261 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Katrina O'Reilly

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Team Leader - Compliance
Compliance
As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Appendix C – Stakeholder Consultation

Appendix C-1 Consultation Summary

Organisation	Key Issues/Comments	Auditor Response
DPHI	Agencies to consult with: Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council Balranald Shire Council Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate Department of Primary Industries Heritage NSW Rural Fire Service Transport for New South Wales	All identified agencies contacted prior to the audit.
	Erosion and sediment control management, maintenance and monitoring	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit. No active erosion on site. Stockpiles managed in accordance with Landcom 2004 Erosion and Sediment Control Plans reviewed,
	Compliance with approved footprint.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit As built drawing reviewed
	Appropriate approvals for the BESS being obtained such as CC	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit Construction Certificates sighted
	Compliance with truck movements, routes and TMP.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit TMP and traffic Register reviewed
	Compliance with noise criteria including both during BESS construction and current solar farm operations.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit. No noise complaints received
	Compliance with commitments within the Heritage Management Plan and Biodiversity Management Plan such as monitoring, reporting, and the like.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit
	Compliance with emergency and fire study conditions (conditions 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29).	

Organisation	Key Issues/Comments	Auditor Response
	Complaints register management, monitoring and response.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit Complaints Register reviewed. No complaints recorded at the time of Audit
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council		
Balranald Shire Council		
Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate		
Department of Primary Industries	Any proposed subdivision resulting in lots that were smaller than the minimum lot size should not have created additional dwelling entitlements.	Sub division certificate sighted
	Biosecurity is a shared responsibility which means everyone has a role in protecting the economy, environment and community from biosecurity threats. It is a concept that is enshrined in NSW legislation and outlined in the NSW Biosecurity Strategy. A biosecurity management plan addressing specific agricultural biosecurity, weed and pest impacts relating to agricultural systems in the vicinity of the development should have been/should be being implemented during construction and operations.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit Weed and seed inspection report sighted Vehicle onboarding register reviewed Site is enclosed in vermin and stock proof fence
	Erosion and sedimentation should have been/ should be being managed during construction and operations in accordance with the Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction series.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit. No active erosion on site. Stockpiles managed in accordance with Landcom 2004 Erosion and Sediment Control Plans reviewed,

Organisation	Key Issues/Comments	Auditor Response
	Site rehabilitation plans during and post construction should have resulted in groundcover management and or agrisolar arrangements that use appropriate/locally native species to limit dust and other land use conflict issues.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit Site is revegetating, weeds managed, excess vegetation is slashed.
	A decommissioning management plan with rehabilitation objectives and strategies for returning the land to rangeland agricultural production, including providing locational identification for any remaining subsurface infrastructure.	This Condition of Consent has not been triggered.
Heritage NSW		
Rural Fire Service		
Transport for New South Wales	Compliance with the submitted documentation relating to traffic generation due to the development (SSD-8025 & any subsequent modifications)	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit TMP and traffic Register reviewed
	Compliance with Schedule 3 Conditions 2 – 7 of the Consolidated Consent for the development;	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit
	Documentation demonstrating construction of any intersection upgrade works required e.g. Works as Executed Plans;	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit Works as Executed Plan number ??
	Any relevant Traffic Management Plans for construction/operation of the development.	Confirmed on site at the time of Audit TMP and traffic Register reviewed

Appendix C-2 Correspondence Issued

Stakeholder	Correspondence issued	Date issued
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council	Contact form on webpage as there was no email address	14/11/2024
Balranald Shire Council	Letter issued to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au	14/11/2024
Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate	Letter issued to info@environment.nsw.gov.au	14/11/2024
Department of Primary Industries	Letter issued to contact@regional.nsw.gov.au	14/11/2024
Heritage NSW	Letter issued to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au	14/11/2024
Rural Fire Service	Letter issued to webmaster@rfs.nsw.gov.au	14/11/2024
Transport for New South Wales	Letter issued to southprojects@transport.nsw.gov.au	14/11/2024

Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd
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Friday, 1 November 2024



Katrina O'Reilly
Team Leader – Compliance
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
4 Parramatta Square
12 Dacey Street
Parramatta NSW 2150
By EMAIL

Dear Katrina,

**RE: DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE SCOPE FOR
INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025
COVERING OF LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND
OPERATIONAL AUDIT OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 to formally consult with you as the Nominee of the Planning Secretary. Can you please advise me of the DPHI's requirements pursuant to Section 3.2. of the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment?

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Glenn Carroll
Acting General Manager
Balranald Shire Council

By EMAIL

Dear Glenn,

RE: BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The reason for this letter is to formally consult with you, the Balranald Shire Council, is to ensure that any issues Council has are covered during the Audit.

Can you please advise me of the Balranald Shire Council's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate
Executive Director, Conservation Policy and Programs
Sharon Molloy

By EMAIL

Dear Sharon,

**RE: BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND SCIENCE DIRECTORATE CONSULTATION
FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD
8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY
STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements May 2020 NSW* Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
By EMAIL

**RE: NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM
BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Heritage NSW
By EMAIL

RE: HERITAGE NSW's CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Heritage NSW's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Rural Fire Service
By EMAIL

RE: RURAL FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Rural Fire Service's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Southern Region Transport for New South Wales
By EMAIL

**RE: TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT
AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE
OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Transport for New South Wales requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix C-3 Correspondence Received

Stakeholder	Correspondence issued	Response date
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council	Contact form on webpage as there was no email address	Nil
Balranald Shire Council	Letter issued to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au	Nil
Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate	Letter issued to info@environment.nsw.gov.au	Nil
Department of Primary Industries	Letter issued to contact@regional.nsw.gov.au	19/11/2024 email requesting formal introduction from DPHI. Forwarded to DPHI 19/11/2024. 02/12/2024 email from Agricultural Land Use Planning outlining audit requirements.
Heritage NSW	Letter issued to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au	14/11/2024 email directing auditor to contact via Major Projects Portal 18/11/2024 email directing auditor to contact via Major Projects Portal 19/11/2024 email stating that request had been forwarded internally 06/12/2024 email from Strategic Manager Major Projects Heritage NSW outlining audit requirements.
Rural Fire Service	Letter issued to webmaster@rfs.nsw.gov.au	Nil
Transport for New South Wales	Letter issued to southprojects@transport.nsw.gov.au	02/12/2024 email received from Development Services South Transport Planning stating that the initial email had been received.

Stakeholder	Correspondence issued	Response date
		04/12/2024 email from Development Services Transport Planning outlining audit requirements.

Appendix D – Independent Audit Declaration Form

Project name	Limondale Solar Farm
Consent Number	SSD-8025
Description of Project	Construction and operation of a 249 MW AC which is supplied from 875,900 modules, 54 PCU solar farm and 50-megawatt / 400-megawatt hour capacity Battery Energy Storage System, located approximately 14 km south of Balranald in south western NSW
Applicant	RWE Australia Pty Ltd
Date	03/02/2025

I declare that I have undertaken the Independent Audit and prepared the contents of the attached Independent Audit Report and to the best of my knowledge:

I declare that

- (i) the audit has been undertaken in accordance with relevant condition(s) of consent and the Independent Audit Compliance Requirements (Department 2019);
- (ii) the findings of the audit are reported truthfully, accurately and completely;
- (iii) I have exercised due diligence and professional judgement in conducting the audit;
- (iv) I have acted professionally, objectively and in an unbiased manner;
- (v) I am not related to any Applicant, owner or operator of the project neither as an employer, business partner, employee, or by sharing a common employer, having a contractual arrangement outside the audit, or by relationship as spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
- (vi) I do not have any pecuniary interest in the audited project, including where there is a reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain or loss to me or spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
- (vii) neither I nor my employer have provided consultancy services for the audited project that were subject to this audit except as otherwise declared to the Department prior to the audit; and
- (viii) I have not accepted, nor intend to accept any inducement, commission, gift or any other benefit (apart from payment for auditing services) from any Applicant, owner or operator of the project, their employees or any interested party. I have not knowingly allowed, nor intend to allow my colleagues to do so

Notes:

- a) Under section 10.6 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 a person must not include false or misleading information (or provide information for inclusion in) in a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit. If the person knows that the information is false or misleading in a material respect. The Applicant of an approved project must not fail to include information in (or provide information for inclusion in) a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is materially relevant to the monitoring or audit. The maximum penalty is, in the case of corporation, \$1 million and for an individual, \$250,000; and
- b) The *Crimes Act 1900* contains other offences relating to the false and misleading information; section 307Bv (giving false or misleading information – maximum penalty 2 years imprisonment or 200 penalty units, or both).

Name of Auditor

Patric Millar

Signature



Qualification

BSc, ME, Dip Man, Dip SIS

Company:

Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd

Appendix E – Technical Specialists Reports

Not Used

Appendix F – Site Inspection Photographs



Photo 1: Water cart for dust suppression



Photo 2: Spoil truck with dust covers



Photo 3: Fully stocked spill kit



Photo 4: Speed restriction signage



Photo 5: Sediment fence



Photo 6: Mobile Spill control bund



Photo 7: Waste and recycling bins, spill kit and bunded chemical storage container



Photo 8: Solar farm and asset protection zone



Photo 9: Solar farm rehabilitation



Photo 10: Pest Control



Photo 11: Protection measures – aboriginal heritage site

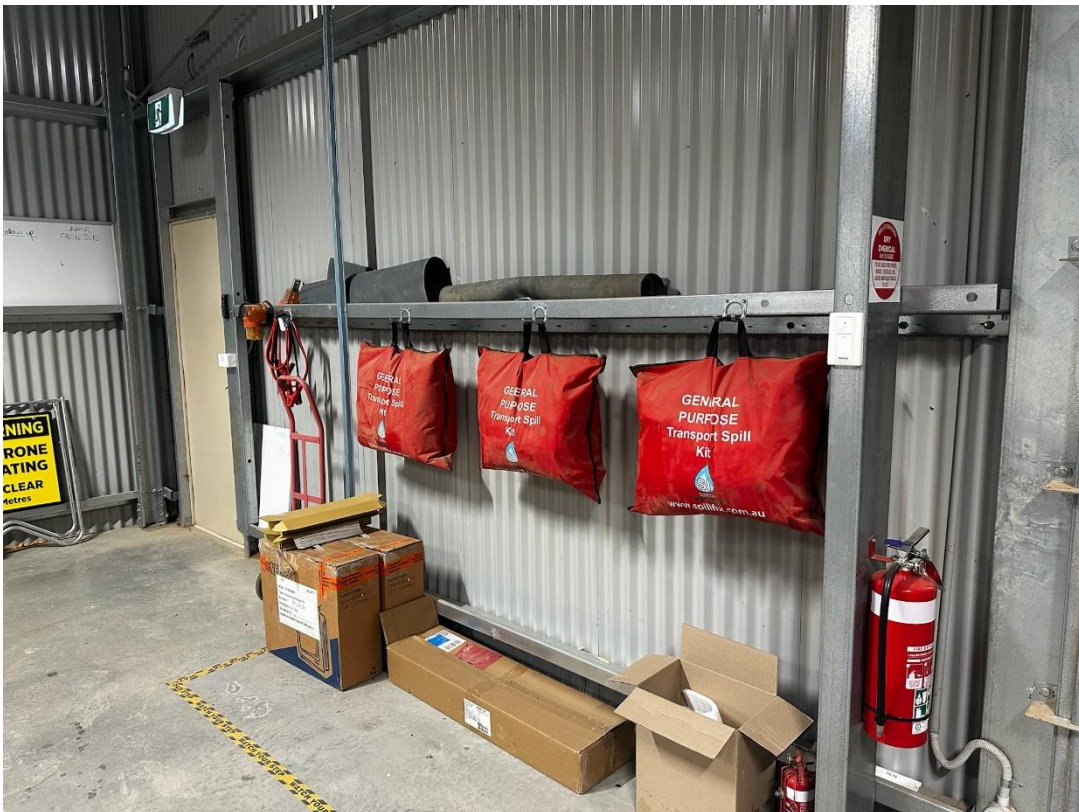


Photo 12: Mobile spill kits



Photo 13: Speed Restriction Signage – Internal haul roads



Photo 14: Fire extinguishers