

Claire Driessen
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Edify Energy Pty Ltd
By email

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Subject: Darlington Point Solar Farm - Revised Staging Request (SSD-8392)

Dear Ms Driessen,

I refer to your revised staging request letter dated 2 June 2022, and additional information provided 6 June 2022, submitted in accordance with condition 3 of schedule 4 of the development consent for the Darlington Point Solar Farm (SSD-8392). Edify Energy has identified that the project will be undertaken in five distinct stages, those being:

- Stage 1 – Construction and operation of the solar farm;
- Stage 2a – Site Preparation for the BESS;
- Stage 2b – BESS battery components and connections to the Transgrid Substation;
- Stage 3 – Operations; and
- Stage 4 – Decommissioning.

The revised staging request letter and additional information set out the specific activities which constitute Stages 2a and 2b. Edify Energy proposes that the following strategies, plans and programs be submitted for approval by the Secretary prior to the commencement of Stage 2a:

- Final Layout Plans (Condition 6 of Schedule 2);
- Traffic Management Plan (Condition 7 of Schedule 3);
- Biodiversity Management Plan (Condition 12 of Schedule 3);
- Chance Finds Protocol (Condition 20 of Schedule 3);
- Accommodation and Employment Strategy (Condition 28 of Schedule 3); and
- Environmental Management Strategy (Condition 1 of Schedule 4).

Edify Energy proposes that the following strategies, plans and programs be submitted for approval by the Secretary prior to the commencement of Stage 2b:

- Fire Safety Study (Condition 24 of Schedule 3) and
- Emergency Plan (Condition 26 of Schedule 3).

Where relevant, strategies plans or programs submitted for Stage 2a will be amended to reflect the Stage 2b scope of works.

The Department has carefully reviewed the requesting staging and is satisfied that it provides sufficient detail to meet the requirements of Condition 3 of Schedule 4.

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the staging of the strategies, plans, programs, and sub plans associated with the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the BESS. The Secretary must approve the relevant documents as detailed in the Development Consent.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Nestor Tsambos, Senior Planner on (02) 9274 6348.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary