## Department of Planning and Environment



Claire Driessen Senior Development Manager Edify Energy Pty Ltd By email

## 14/10/2022

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

Dear Ms Driessen.

I refer to your staging request letter dated 26 September 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 requested to further split Stage 2b into the following three stages:

- 2b(i) BESS mechanical and electrical installation
- 2b(ii) BESS connections to the Transgrid substation
- 2b(iii) BESS connections to battery components.

The revised staging request letter sets out the specific activities which constitute each stage.

To achieve compliance with condition 3 of Schedule 4, Edify Energy proposes that the following strategies, plans or programs be submitted at the respective stage for approval by the Secretary:

- Stage 2a:
  - Final Layout Plan
  - Traffic Management Plan
  - Accommodation and Employment Strategy
  - Environmental Management Strategy
  - Biodiversity Management Plan
  - o Chance Finds Protocol
- Stage 2b(i):
  - Traffic Management Plan
  - Accommodation and Employment Strategy
  - Environmental Management Strategy
- Stage 2b(ii):
  - Traffic Management Plan

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- o Biodiversity Management Plan
- Stage 2b(iii):
  - Traffic Management Plan
  - Accommodation and Employment Strategy
  - o Environmental Management Strategy
  - Fire Safety Study
  - o Emergency Plan

The Department has carefully reviewed the requested staging approach 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 prior to the commencement of each stage. Please note that the Final Layout Plan (condition 6 of Schedule 2) may need to be updated following approval of the Fire Safety Study (condition 24 of Schedule 3). You must also notify the Department in writing prior to commencing each relevant stage, as per condition 9 of Schedule 2.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Julia Green, on (02) 9585 6409 or julia.a.green@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary