

Claire Driessen
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By email

10/01/2023

Subject: Darlington Point Solar Farm – Revised Biodiversity Credit Obligations

Dear Ms Driessen

I refer to your letter dated 14 December 2022, requesting the Planning Secretary's discretion under condition 10A of Schedule 3 of SSD-8392, to allow for works to commence on Stage 2b(ii) after retiring the revised biodiversity credit liability calculated in the *Darlington Point – Additional Targeted Surveys & Revised BAM-Calculations* (OzArk, 2 December 2022).

The Department notes that:

- the credit liability calculations for Stage 2b(ii) are split into two distinct areas, consisting of a cable route area and a laydown area;
- two field surveys were undertaken to confirm the presence/absence of previously assumed present species credit species, which has reduced the total credit obligations; and
- the Biodiversity and Conservation Division confirmed that the ecosystem and species credit liability associated with the impacts described in the letter are accurate.

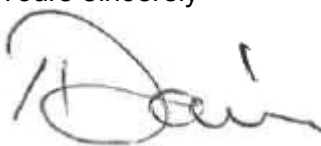
Upon careful review of the documents, the Department is satisfied that splitting the credit liability into a cable route and a laydown area component is appropriate.

Accordingly, Edify must retire the biodiversity credits of the number and class specified in Table 1 and Table 2 of Annexure A of this letter before commencing any development that would impact biodiversity values within these respective areas (i.e. the cable route and laydown area).

You are reminded that prior to carrying out these works, the applicant must have an approved Biodiversity Management Plan as per condition 12A of Schedule 3 of the consent.

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

Yours sincerely



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Energy Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Annexure A Ecosystem Credit and Species Credit Liability

Table 1: Ecosystem Credit Requirements for Modification 2

Vegetation Community	PCT ID	Credits Required for Cable Routes	Credits Required for Laydown Areas
Plains Grass grassland on alluvial mainly clay soils in the Riverina Bioregion and NSW South-Western Slopes Bioregion.	PCT 45	6	23
Weeping Myall open woodland of the Riverina Bioregion and NSW South-Western Slopes Bioregion	PCT 26	1	-

Table 2: Species Credit Requirements for Modification 2

Species	Credits Required for Cable Routes	Credits Required for Laydown Areas
Claypan Daisy (<i>Brachyscome muelleroides</i>)	-	38
Mossgiel Daisy (<i>Brachyscome papillosa</i>)	-	26
Bindweed (<i>Convolvulus tedmoorei</i>)	-	21
Winged Peppergrass (<i>Lepidium monopolocoides</i>)	-	26
Lanky Buttons (<i>Leptorhynchos orientalis</i>)	-	26
Major Mitchell's Cockatoo (breeding) (<i>Lophochroa leadbeateri</i>)	-	26
Austral Pilwort (<i>Pilularia novae-hollandiae</i>)	-	38
Slender Darling Pea (<i>Swainsona murrayana</i>)	8	26
Silky Swainson Pea (<i>Swainsona sericea</i>)	-	26