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Dear Sally

RE: SEAR's response Murray River Energy Pty Ltd, Moama Ethanol Plant scoping report.

Thank you for allowing Murray River Council to provide comments in relation to the Murray River Energy Pty Ltd, Moama Ethanol Plant Scoping Report dated 28 July 2020, as a precursor to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

Please find Council's notes and comments in relation to the proposal that are recommended to be focused on in the EIS:

Road/vehicle access and rail freight: Please be advised that Council has concerns regarding proposed access to the subject site. It is noted that Centre Road would be required to be upgraded and widened and also access onto Cobb Highway. Further information is also required in relation to the proposed maneuverability of railway network at the site and any infrastructure/Pedestrian/Traffic considerations or upgrades required through the Moama township area.

Council recommends that the Traffic Impact Assessment Report consider these issues in consultation with both Murray River Council and Transport for NSW.

Waste Management: A comprehensive Waste Management Plan is required to be considered during the EIS provided with the application. The plan is to address the following (but not limited to): comprehensive details of proposed bio-digester, details of hazardous waste generated, clarification of waste streams, accurate estimate of waste volumes produced, and how waste materials will be contained. It is noted Council's landfills are not currently licenced to accept the quantity of waste outlined in the document.

Please contact Council's Manager Waste and Regulatory Services, Gavin Carlisle for further information. As the proposal will trigger the requirement for an Environmental Protection Licence

from NSW EPA under the Protection of the *Environment Operations Act 1997*, it is further recommended the proponent contact NSW EPA directly to discuss their requirements.

Water Supply: The scoping report is not clear on the water requirements and the point source of the water supply for the proposed plant to operate, the proposed development may not be unable to rely on Council's water (and waste water) supply. It is recommended the proponent ensure adequate water allocation is secured prior to lodging the application.

It is noted that there may be the opportunity to reuse water from Council's sewer treatment plant subject to Council requirements, however Council is unclear of the volume required.

Council recommends that the proponent contacts Council's Manager Water Services, Jack Bond to confirm water and waste water requirements.

Contributions: The proposed development will trigger Development Contributions in accordance with Council's Contribution Plan which is current at the time of determination. It is noted Council's current plan would trigger a contribution of 1% of the total cost of the development. Depending on the outcome of the agreements reached with council regarding the road network, subsequent contributions may apply.

Council looks forward to reviewing the investigations out of the EIS process that adequately address the issues outlined in this response. Once an application is formally lodged and referred to Council for comment, Council reserves the right to provide additional comments or request additional information.

Should you require further information, please contact Rod Croft, Manager Planning Services on 1300 087 004 or 0447 534 773.

Yours sincerely



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