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Dear Rob

Subject: Wellington North Solar Farm (SSD-8895) – Clarification of revised BDAR

I refer to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) comments of 9 September 2019 in relation to the Wellington North Solar Farm Response to Submissions and amended BDAR.

BCS had advised that the required minimum number of vegetation integrity plots have not been completed for two vegetation zones (vegetation zone 4 and 6). On 27 January 2021 BCS received an email from NGH Consulting with the following clarification:

- Vegetation Zone 4 covers 6.2 hectares across the development site but only 1 hectare is within the development footprint, therefore only 1 plot was completed
- Vegetation Zone 6 covers 6.6 hectares across the development site but only 1.1 hectare is within the development footprint, 2 plots were completed.

NGH proposes to update the headings in Table 3-3 to more clearly distinguish the size of the development site and the development footprint. BCS is satisfied that this will remove any potential confusion. The completed plots are within the appropriate vegetation zones and the development footprint, although it is noted that Plot 27 is incorrectly attributed as Plot 29 in Table 11-4 of the BDAR. NGH Consulting has advised BCS that this will be corrected.

NGH Consulting has further advised that the additional biodiversity issue raised in BCS's previous response relating to species credit species will be addressed in future correspondence.

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact David Geering, Senior Conservation Planning officer, via david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 6883 5335.

Yours sincerely

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