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Dear Ms Mitchell

**Wellington North Solar Farm (SSD 8895)
Vegetation Buffer commencement**

I refer to your request dated 22 December 2021 seeking the Planning Secretary's approval to defer the requirement to plant the vegetation buffer prior to commencing construction, in accordance with condition 10 of Schedule 3 of the development consent for the Wellington North Solar Farm.

The Department notes that Lightsource bp:

- considers that expected plant growth during the winter period would be minimal and that winter frosts could cause plant losses to tubestock;
- has indicated that construction is due to commence around June 2022, meaning that there would be up to a five month delay in planting to November 2022; and
- has committed to comply with the timeframe the Development Consent requires the vegetation buffer to minimise views (i.e. within 3 years of commencing operations).

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time to plant the landscape screening until 30 November 2022, subject to compliance with condition 10 and condition 11 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent.

Lightsource bp should ensure that the Landscaping Plan for the project is consistent with this approach.

In addition, Lightsource bp should ensure it has sourced appropriate species that are endemic to the area in preparation for planting prior to 30 November 2022.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Javier Canon on (02) 9373 2821 or at Javier.Canon@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Brewer'.

Nicole Brewer
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