

Notice of decision

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	State significant development modification
Application number and project name	SSD-9254-Mod-3 (Wollar Solar Farm-Mod-3)
Applicant	Wollar Solar Development Pty Ltd
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning

Decision

The Director under delegation from the Minister for Planning has, under 4.55(1A) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) modified the consent subject to conditions.

A copy of the instrument of modification and conditions is available [here](#).

A copy of the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment report is available [here](#).

Date of decision

23 August 2022

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the relevant matters listed in section 4.15 of the Act and the additional matters listed in the statutory context section of the Department's assessment report;
- the prescribed matters under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021
- the reasons given by the consent authority for the grant of the original consent;
- the objects of the Act;
- all information submitted with the modification application during the assessment and information considered in the Department's assessment report;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's assessment report;
- the submissions made concerning the modification; and
- the views of the community (including Mid-Western Regional Council) about the project.

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's assessment report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The decision maker was satisfied that the modification is of minimal environmental impact and that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted was modified.

The key reasons for granting the modification are as follows:

- the modification would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including 400 construction jobs and \$430 million in investment;
- the modification is permissible with consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies including the NSW Climate Change Policy Framework (2016), NSW Electricity Strategy (2019) and Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036;
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards.
- the issues raised by the community and Mid-Western Regional Council during exhibition have been considered and adequately addressed through the recommended conditions of consent; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the modification is in the public interest.