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Dear Mr Greenaway

**New England Solar Farm (SSD 9255)
Commencement of Construction (Grid Substation)**

I refer to your request dated 16 September 2021, and subsequent correspondence, requesting the Secretary's approval for commencement of construction of the grid substation for the New England Solar Farm, prior to implementation of all road upgrades identified in Appendix 4 of SSD 9255.

The Department understands that you propose to commence construction within the grid substation zone following completion of the following segments of road upgrades required under condition 4 of Schedule 3 of the conditions of consent:

1. Big Ridge Road – Segments 1,3 and 4; and
2. Barleyfields Road / Big Ridge Road intersection.

The Department notes that this request has been prepared in consultation with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Uralla Shire Council, who support the request.

The construction works subject to this request would be limited to the grid substation only and would not result in any traffic or noise impacts beyond that assessed and approved for the project. Further, these works, and associated vehicle movements, would be subject to the relevant management and mitigation measures required under the development consent and approved management plans, including the Traffic Management Plan (TMP), which has been reviewed and endorsed by TfNSW.

The Department has considered your request, and under condition 4 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent for the New England Solar Farm, the Planning Secretary agrees to your request to commence construction of the grid substation only following completion of the required road upgrades at Segments 1, 3 and 4 of Big Ridge Road and the Barleyfields Road / Big Ridge Road intersection.

This agreement is conditional on all remaining construction works for the New England Solar Farm commencing after all other relevant requirements stipulated under the development consent are satisfied, including completion of all remaining required road upgrades and notification of the Department in writing prior to commencement.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Lander Robinson on 02 9274 6052.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Brewer', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicole Brewer
Director
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As nominee of the Secretary