

Tim Greenaway
Project Director
ACEN Australia
By email

23/12/2022

Subject: New England Solar Farm – Request for temporary heavy vehicle increase

Dear Mr Greenaway

I refer to your letter dated 25 October 2022, requesting Secretary's discretion for a temporary heavy vehicle increase from 56 per day to 84 per day for three months during construction, in accordance with condition 1 Schedule 3 of the New England Solar Farm development consent (SSD-9255). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's request for additional information.

The Department notes that:

- the requested increase in daily heavy vehicle limits reduces the duration of construction works;
- the additional heavy vehicle limits would be offset by reducing daily construction light vehicles through the increased use of minibus transport during the period;
- a Transport Assessment (SCT Consulting, dated 20 July 2022) has been prepared which concluded that safety, intersection performance and operational capacity of the road network would not be significantly impacted by the increase;
- the Traffic Management Plan (Revision 7, dated 27 September 2022) has been updated in consultation with Transport for NSW and Uralla Shire Council who raised no issues with the proposed increase subject to the implementation of the plan; and
- consultation has been undertaken with nearby receivers.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to the request to temporarily increase the daily heavy vehicle limit from 56 per day to 84 per day for a period of three months during construction until 23 March 2023.

The Department notes that this approval may be subject to review, for example should any issues be raised by the relevant roads authorities. Please ensure that you notify nearby receivers of this temporary increase.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Julia Green on 9585 6409 or at Julia.a.green@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary