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Subject: Bonshaw Solar – Staging Approval

Dear Mr. Kim

I refer to your submission dated 13 May 2025, requesting provision of the Secretary's approval to stage the project in accordance with Schedule 4, Condition 3 of the Development Consent for Bonshaw Solar (SSD-9438).

The Department has carefully reviewed the submission and is satisfied that the proposed staging of the Bonshaw Solar project is consistent with previously approved post approval documentation.

The proposed stages include:

- Stage 1 – Intersection upgrade (pre-construction)
- Stage 2a – Access Road upgrade to Dumaresq Substation and enabling work;
- Stage 2b – Major civil work;
- Stage 3 – Solar PV & HV construction (including High Risk OSOM)
- Stage 4 – BESS and auxiliary building construction
- Stage 5 – Operation
- Stage 6 – Decommissioning

Indicative commencement dates, associated summaries of work activities and management plans required were provided in Table 1-1 of the submission.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the staging of the Bonshaw Solar project as detailed above.

Please note, to date the Department has currently only approved management plans for Stage 1 and Stage 2a. All biodiversity offset credits for the project must be retired prior to the commencement of Stage 2a.

No construction of any other stages may commence until all relevant management plans have been revised (to reflect each stage's associated work activities), submitted and approved.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', written in a cursive style.

Iwan Davies
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary