

27 May 2022

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Attn: Mr Wayne Jones  
4 Parramatta Square  
12 Darcy Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150

Dear Mr Jones,

**West Wyalong Solar Farm (SSD 9504)  
Development Consent Condition 8(a), Schedule 3 – Vegetation Buffer**

Under condition 8(a), Schedule 3, of the State significant development consent (SSD 9504) for the West Wyalong Solar Farm (the Project), the Project's landscape screening must "be planted prior to commencing operations".

Lightsource bp is intending to commence operations on the Project in November 2022. Recent advice from the Arborist engaged to undertake the landscaping works, Hunter Land Management Pty Ltd, advises that the plantings should be grown to a level of maturity off site prior to planting in the optimal window of early Autumn, so that they can establish before the frosts of Winter and heat of Summer to achieve a higher success rate based on the conditions of the local region.

In this regard, I am writing to request the Secretary's agreement to allow the planting works for the vegetation buffer to be delayed beyond the commencement of operations in November 2022, to Autumn 2023 (i.e. April-May 2023), noting that the plantings will be grown to a greater maturity in the interim to increase the success rate once planted on site. Please refer to the enclosed letter from Hunter Land Management Pty Ltd providing reasoning for and supporting this request.

Thank you and feel free to contact me on 0409 601 473 if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



Diana Mitchell  
Principal Environmental Planner

Encl: Letter from Hunter Land Management Pty Ltd regarding Vegetation Buffer, dated 11 April 2022



11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

**West Wyalong Solar Farm - Landscaping  
Hunter Land Management Pty Ltd**

Hunter Land Management Pty Ltd has reviewed the Landscaping Scope of Works for the West Wyalong Solar Farm including species, planting times and plant sizes and completed two site inspections.

With this in mind it is our recommendation to place an order for these plants specifically ASAP and then postpone the planting of these plants until April/May 2023. This will allow for ordered plants and species to be grown to the specific sizes required and then allow planting of these plants to occur in the optimal window of early Autumn. This timing gives the plants the chance to establish before the first frosts occur in mid-winter and also to establish further before the first summer in December 2023.

Please contact Daniel Lewer (Managing Director) if you require any further clarifications.

Regards,



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Daniel Lewer  
Managing Director  
Hunter Land Management Pty Ltd