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Dear Ms Hwong,

**Yanco Solar Farm (SSD 9515)
Staging Development**

I refer to your letter dated 11 December 2020 (SSD-9515-PA-1), seeking the Secretary's approval to stage the construction of the Yanco Solar Farm (SSD 9515).

The Department has reviewed your proposal to develop the project in two stages:

- Stage 1: Early works at the existing Yanco substation, including the construction of a new 33kV switch bay;
- Stage 2: Full construction works

The Department notes that:

- staging the development would allow TransGrid to undertake preliminary works for the Yanco substation (Stage 1) prior to full construction works for the project commencing (Stage 2);
- Stage 1 works would be wholly contained within the existing Yanco substation and would not include the construction of the external transmission line;
- Stage 1 works would not require additional road upgrades or generate any over-dimensional or heavy vehicle movements; and
- Stage 1 works would not result in the disturbance or clearing of native vegetation or impact the vegetation communities requiring the retirement of biodiversity credits under condition 13 of Schedule 3.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves the staging of the development to enable the commencement of construction works within the Yanco substation (Stage 1) prior to the commencement of full construction works (Stage 2) for the Yanco Solar Farm.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Lander Robinson on (02) 9274 6052 or Lander.Robinson@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary