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NSW Planning Via: Planning Portal

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – BLIND CREEK SOLAR FARM

Denrith Pty Ltd are writing to you in support of Blind Creek Solar Farms application to construct an Agri-Solar project in the Bungendore region of NSW.

Denrith believe in renewable resources and as a Company, have been actively making changes within our business towards a more sustainable future. In 2017, Denrith had 450 solar panels at our Main Office and Site workshop. This generates 230 megawatts annually and is saving 216 tonnes of greenhouse gases each year.

Our opinion is the proposed 350MW Agri-solar farm will offer benefits for residents, local economy and for the site itself. Blind Creek Solar will produce enough energy to power approximately 124,000 homes and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by around 700,000 tonnes, and are also pledging to contribute \$330 per MW, per year to a Community Benefit sharing scheme.

The solar panels will offer a degree of protection to the grass-fed lambs that will be using the site, and the shade provided by the solar panels will reduce water evaporation, increase soil moisture plus has the potential to save water by 14 - 29% (as researched by the Clean Energy Council Australian Guide to Agri-Solar Large-Scale Solar) and assisting to improve the soil quality.

The construction of the Agri-Solar farm will also create approximately 300 construction jobs for the expected duration of 12-18 months. Not only will the project provide jobs, but will stimulate the local economy – pubs, B&Bs, petrol stations, hardware, and vehicle/machinery servicing to name a few.

Blind Creek Solar's aim is for environmental restoration and sustainable agriculture – we believe this will be achieved should the project by approved.

As a Company and member of a nearby regional community, we whole heartedly support the Blind Creek Solar Farm and, we are available on 02 4829 8200 should you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

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