



SSD-9097

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NSW Major Projects
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Dear Ms Patterson

SUBMISSION - QUORN PARK SOLAR FARM (SSD-9097) 950 BACK TRUNDLE ROAD, PARKES

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the Quorn Park Solar Farm Proposal, involving the construction and operation of a 80 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Plant and associated infrastructure.

Parkes Shire Council makes the following comments in relation to the proposed development:

Farmland Amenity

It is noted that a number of well-established farms and associated dwellings are in close proximity to the development site. The assessment of the proposal must include a robust assessment of the amenity of existing residents in the area and suitable mitigation of any impacts.

Bushland Buffers / Offsets

The provision of native vegetation to screen the development from nearby roads and farming properties should be included as a condition in any consent.

Bushfire Hazard Mitigation

The grassy understorey of the development site must be properly maintained so as not to present a bushfire hazard.

Weeds Management

The property / ongoing operation of the development must be managed so as to minimise weeds on the site.

Environmental Management Plan

The Environmental Management Strategy must be robust and cover all aspects of ongoing property management, including a construction environmental management plan,

operational environment management plan, decommissioning management plan and remediation management plan. These plans should be referred to Council and other relevant authorities for approval.

Access and Traffic

All vehicular movements to the site should be via the Henry Parkes Way, to McGrath Lane then Back Trundle Road.

As per the NSW Roads and Maritimes advice the intersection of Henry Parkes Way and McGrath Lane shall be upgraded to the Austroads Standard for a Basic Right Turn (BAR) and Basic Left Turn (BAL) treatment for a B-double vehicle.

An assessment of the local road network which is to be utilised for haulage purposes shall be undertaken prior to the commencement of construction and throughout construction work, with the necessary repairs to be undertaken to maintain the road asset.

Upon finalisation of the construction phase of the development the condition of the Henry Parkes Way Intersection, McGrath Lane and the Back Trundle Road should be audited and any repairs undertaken to ensure the road asset is returned to pre-construction condition.

Conditions of consent should be imposed to ensure that any necessary road maintenance repairs are undertaken upon decommissioning of the solar farm.

Access to the site is to be upgraded to facilitate B-double vehicles. A temporary (all-weather material) carpark should be required throughout construction.

Primary Production Lands

The final proposal needs to consider how the development will maintain the viability of the land and its contribution to the agricultural production of the region. For example the facility may be able to incorporate design features that allow ongoing livestock grazing activities.

Stormwater Management

Details of how stormwater will be managed on site.

Community Contributions

The Parkes Shire Section 94A Contributions Plan 2016 applies to the proposal.

Parke Shire Council is open to contributions under a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA), as per the Parke Shire Planning Agreement Policy 2016.

Copies of the documents are attached.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Cummings', with a small dot at the end.

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