

5.8 Cumulative Traffic Assessment pg 47

With regard to the impacts of the Gundry project transport routes, the Merino Solar Farm proposal will potentially utilise the same transport routes, thereby increasing the volume of traffic on the route if construction occurs concurrently.

Based on the scoping report, the Merino Solar Farm is some 12.5% larger than the Gundry Solar Farm.

Table 4.4 Project peak Construction Daily traffic Generation pg 26

- Total trips per day for the Gundry Solar Farm 450

Merino solar farm.

- Total trips for the Merino Solar Farm 506

Gundry and Merino Solar Farms

- **Potential number of trips 956**

Windellama Road has recently been sealed all the way to the coast increasing its volume of movements. There will be light vehicles, shuttle buses, heavy vehicles (semitrailers and flatbed trucks), single unit trucks, cars towing caravans and boats using a road that is in poor condition. The stretch of road leading to the facility is always under repair (pot holes). Fife's Bridge (passed the airport) which all traffic has to pass across is narrow and has the potential to cause major accidents.

- Windellama Road is not suitable for this amount of traffic.

5.13 Flooding pg 48

Flood modelling for the project (WRM, 2024) shows that the location of the project access from Windellama Road is suitable in terms of flooding. No flooding is predicted at the Project gate access point under all floods.

- This statement is correct.
- You may be able to drive in the gate, but not access the gate.
- The project at times will not be accessible by road (flooding).

2.4.3 Construction Hours pg 10

Construction activities associated with the project are proposed to be:

- 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday
- 8am to 1pm Saturdays
- No work on Sunday or public holidays

4.2.1 General Construction Traffic Generation

The arrival and departure of heavy vehicle movements to and from the Project site will be spread out over the course of the daily construction hours.

Light and shuttle buses vehicle movements to and from the site will be concentrated at the commencement and conclusion of work force shift times.

The Transport Impact Assessment does not mention Fog.

- During winter Gundry Plains can be covered with thick low lying fog.
- From Painters Lane (16km from town) to Goulburn centre.
- The fog may not lift until mid or late morning (11am).
- Foggy days may outnumber the clear days in winter.
- There is total lack of visibility.

The increased morning traffic (south in direction) during fog makes it very difficult for residence.

Our family rules when entering Windellama Road during thick fog (crossing on coming traffic):

- Stop after exiting the gate.
- Turn on both hazards and driving lights.
- Lower windows, driver and passenger side.
- Look/listen for traffic.
- Cross when you think it is safe, be prepared to go off the road if needed.

This is not something that I like to do. Increasing the traffic during winter periods will make it extremely dangerous to enter Windellama Road and travel to town.



Light Fog

5.7 Public Transport, Pedestrians and Cyclists pg 43

Regarding pedestrians and cyclists, the rural nature of the project area implies that most pedestrians and cycling activity occurs within the Goulburn town where there are footpaths provided.

The distance between towns and other major centres in the area discourages casual cycling outside of the town.

EIS Declaration

Declaration by registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner
Declaration

The undersigned declares that the EIS:

- **Does not contain information that is false or misleading.**

Cycling in the Goulburn has a long history.

In 1907 when Goulburn Amateur Bicycle Club held its first recorded meeting both recreational riding and racing were already popular in the city through the support of a precursory organisation, local branch of the league of Wheelmen (formed in 1893).

- Dunc Gray, Goulburn.

I am a member of AusCycling and the Goulburn Cycling Club.

The majority of roads leading out of Goulburn are used by members of the Goulburn Cycling Club and recreational riders every day of the week. Cyclist organise groups, meeting in town to discuss which direction would be suitable for the days ride. The weather conditions determine which direction cyclist will travel. If a southerly is blowing, Windellama Road is the first choice (tail wind coming home), northeasterly then its Middle Arm Road.

- Distance and times vary.
- Cyclist usually ride in groups (safety).
- On weekends you can have large groups riding (twenty riders).
- Our group usually has eight to ten riders.
- Riding on a footpath is illegal unless you are under 16.

If they had undertaken a simple google search, Goulburn Cycle Club, this false statement would not have happened. We race on Windellama Road on Wednesday nights (rotation).

- Is there any accountability for this false statement?
- Is there an accountability for other false and misleading statements in the EIS?
- We should not have to correct their errors, it should contain only factual information.

Unfortunately the consultative process in the development of this Solar Farms has been very poor. They have satisfied their requirements on paper but failed the community.