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Resource and Energy Assessments
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Dear Ellen,

MULWALA SOLAR FARM PROJECT (SSD 9039)

I am writing in regards to the proposed Mulwala Solar Farm Project. The Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Department of Defence, owns the Mulwala facility. It is managed and operated by Thales Australia, trading as Australian Munitions (AM). AM has provided the proposed Mulwala Solar Farm Project details to the Commonwealth who will respond separately to the development application. AM is a strong supporter of renewable energy projects and based on the notice of exhibition provided to AM has no objection to the development application. AM would however like to remind the department of planning and environment of the zoning constraints, established in accordance with eDEOP 101 – Department of Defence Explosives Regulations, Regulation 5.6, Procedure 1: Safeguarding and Zone Planning.

Based on the Notice of Exhibition, received by NSW Government – Planning and Environment, the Project boundary for the proposed Mulwala Solar Farm infringes on the Mulwala sites safeguarding zone. The development footprint within the project boundary does not appear to overlap with the Mulwala sites safeguarding zone, however a review of the safeguarding zone map with the proponents of the Solar Farm Project may be advisable.

The safeguarding zone as described in eDeop 101, Regulation 5.4, Annex A is established to protect Group V facilities. Section 158a states that because even superficial damage may in some instances be unacceptable, the siting of facilities of especially vulnerable construction or public importance may require siting at these distances, eg: (7) major public utilities (eg gas, water, electricity works).

Whilst any potential effects of the Mulwala sites operations on the proposed development are likely to be minimal, Australian Munitions believes it would be remiss not to remind the NSW Government – Planning & Environment office of the potential safeguarding zone constraints.

For further information relating to this matter please don't hesitate to contact Adrian Sandral, HSE and Compliance Manager on 03 5742 2437.

Kind Regards,



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General Manager, Mulwala
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