



1 June 2017

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The Manager
Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Diana Mitchell

Dear Ms Mitchell,

SSD 8183: Lot 20 DP 1173059 and Lot 1 DP 1012926; Perseverance Lane, Beryl; Beryl Solar Farm

Thank you for your email on the 21 April 2017 referring the *Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS) for the Beryl Solar Farm Project to Roads and Maritime Services for comment. Reference is made to Roads and Maritime's previous submission in relation to this proposal dated 18 January 2017 (copy enclosed) and 24 May 2017.

The EIS has been reviewed and Roads and Maritime notes the following components of the proposal:

- Construction, operation and decommissioning of a 95 megawatt solar farm north-west of Gulgong. The projected lifespan of the facility is 30 years.
- Vehicular access to the site is proposed via Beryl Road. It is presumed traffic will access Beryl Road via Castlereagh Highway (HW 18).
- Construction period extending over 12 months, with peak construction works (up to 150 personnel on site) for six months.

The proponent has identified the types (basic) and total volumes of construction related traffic in the EIS, however, the EIS lacks detail in relation to the traffic generated by the project, existing road and intersection treatments and how traffic will be managed to provide a high level of safety for all road users during construction and operation of the solar farm. The applicant proposes that the appointed construction contractor will develop a Traffic Management Plan (TMP), in consultation with Mid-Western Regional Council and Roads and Maritime, at a later date. It is understood the TMP will provide the information requested by Roads and Maritime in its letter dated 18 January 2017.

Based upon the information provided, Roads and Maritime is not able to undertake a full assessment of the proposal and is unable to advise the Department on what measures are required to provide a high level of road safety during construction and operation of the solar farm.

Roads and Maritime, at this time, withholds making comment. To reconsider its position, Roads and Maritime requests that additional information be provided that addresses information requested on and as set out in Roads and Maritime's letter dated 18 January 2017.

Roads and Maritime Services

Please confirm with Roads and Maritime that the development application will not be determined until such time as Roads and Maritime has had an opportunity to comprehensively assess the development application following provision of the additional information. Should you require further information please contact the undersigned on 02 6861 1453.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew McIntyre', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew McIntyre
Manager Land Use Assessment
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