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Dear Mr Canon

SUBMISSION TO SSD-10387 - DAROOBALGIE SOLAR FARM, TROUBALGIE ROAD, FORBES

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the abovementioned proposal. It is understood the development is to be located in the Forbes Shire; however given the potential for employees to reside in Parkes throughout construction and for construction material to be transported through the Parkes Local Government Area (LGA), feedback from Parkes Shire Council is sought.

Parkes Shire Council makes the following comments in relation to the proposal:

1. Transport

It is noted that transport haulage routes will primarily utilise Henry Parkes Way and the Newell Highway, whilst in the Parkes Shire. Council requests appropriate conditions be imposed requiring all traffic movements to be via the Newell Highway and Henry Parkes Way, with no movements to be via local roads in the Parkes Shire (i.e. Back Yamma Road).

2. Employee Accommodation

Parkes Shire is aware of the potential for short term itinerate workers to reside in Parkes throughout the construction phase of the proposed development. Given the number of large-scale infrastructure projects within the Parkes Shire Council LGA currently under construction; including the Newell Highway Bypass and Parkes Special Activation Precinct Infrastructure Delivery there is the potential for increased pressure on local housing depending on the commencement date and duration of construction works associated with the Darroobalgie Solar Farm. Consideration is to be given to appropriate accommodation availability to facilitate the construction workforce.

Yours faithfully

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