



SSD 7618

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SUBMISSION - GOONUMBLA SOLAR FARM PROJECT (SSD 7618) MILLERS LOOKOUT ROAD, PARKES

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Goonumbla Solar Farm Project, involving the construction and operation of a 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.

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 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 CEMP, OEMP, DMP and RMP. These plans should be referred to Council and other relevant authorities for approval.



Access and Traffic

All vehicular movements should be via the intersection of Henry Parkes Way and Pat Meredith Drive. The NSW Roads and Maritime Services should review the road intersection and advise any necessary upgrades. No new road accesses onto Henry Parkes Way should be permitted.

Pat Meredith Drive, linking the development site to Henry Parkes Way, is constructed to a gravel road standard. It is necessary to upgrade and bitumen seal the section of road from the proposed entrance of the solar farm to the intersection of Pat Meredith Drive and Henry Parkes Way, to accommodate all traffic generated from the development, including construction traffic. The road upgrading works should be undertaken prior to construction of the facility.

Upon finalisation of the construction phase of the development and commissioning of the solar farm, the condition of Pat Meredith Drive, linking the development site to Henry Parkes Way, should be audited and any repairs undertaken.

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.

Community Contributions

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

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

Copies of these documents are attached.

Yours faithfully,

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GENERAL MANAGER