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The Manager
Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
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Attention: Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

Dear Ms Hawkeswood

SSD 8803: Lots 13, 41 & 48 DP 753118, Lot 1 DP 652274, Lots 1 & 5 DP 1118332 and Lot 1 DP 441702; 'Hallidays' Naroo Lane, Forbes; Jemalong Hybrid Solar Park

Thank you for your email on the 21 November 2017 referring SSD8803 to Roads and Maritime Services for comment. Reference is made to Roads and Maritime's previous submission in relation to this proposal dated 23 October 2017 (copy inclosed)

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

- Construction, operation and decommissioning of a 50 megawatt solar photovoltaic plant south-west of Forbes. The projected lifespan of the facility is 30 years.
- Vehicular access to the site via the Newell Highway (HW17), Lachlan Valley Way (MR377), Wilbertroy Lane and then Naroo Lane.
- Construction period extending over 12 months, with peak construction works requiring up to 100 personnel on site.

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 construction staff commuter 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. Specifically, the assumption that 80% of construction staff will be transported to and from site each day by bus has not been substantiated. Should the assumed 80% target not be met, the proposal will generate significant vehicular movements on narrow unsealed roads and bridges and no detail has been provided detailing how the proponent will manage the safe transportation of staff to and from site in the event of this target not being met.

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 plant.

Roads and Maritime Services

Roads and Maritime, at this time, withholds making comment. To reconsider its position, Roads and Maritime requests that additional information be provided that addresses all the information requested on and as set out in Roads and Maritime's letter dated 23 October 2017.

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,



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