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City of Wagga Wagga City Strategy, Manager – Tristan Kell 243 Baylis St (PO Box 20) Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Via NSW Planning and Environment – Major Projects Assessment Portal

RE: PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR RENEW ESTATE BOMEN SOLAR PROJECT SSD17 8835

Dear Tristan,

This correspondence is provided in relation to the proposed 120MWp Solar Farm on Trahairs Rd in Bomen, NSW. Teys support the proposed development, and provide the following justification of Teys position:

1. The proposed use of the Site for a Large Scale Solar Farm aligns closely with the strategic purpose of Bomen as an industrial area of State and Local significance, supporting regional employment, growth and economic participation.

Bomen Business Park is a thriving industrial hub, responsible for major contribution to the regional economy. There continues to be a significant investment into industrial purpose within the Bomen Business Park from both private and Government sources, and this existing use is supported by the proposed project.

The significance of the Bomen Business Park as a key Industrial Area was recently recognized in the DRAFT Wagga Wagga City Council Activation Strategy 2040. In this document, the Council has also recognized that strategic planning is integral to the success of the Bomen Industrial Precinct.

2. The proposed project supports those specific objectives of the Regional Strategy. Specifically, The Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2036 which identifies a number of key directions to promote and support economic growth including, 'To promote business activities in Industrial and Commercial Areas', and local Draft Activation Strategy which includes planning for a solar farm in this precinct.

This direction underpins the purpose of the Regional Plan, to promote more local jobs

through a stronger agribusiness sector; expanded advanced and value added manufacturing; diversified energy production; and forestry and tourism.

The implementation of a large scale renewable energy development in Bomen not only aligns closely with the specific objectives of the Activation Strategy but promises to deliver outcomes in line with State and National Energy and Climate change objectives.

Teys Australia is committed to taking a role, within our own industry, as a sustainability leader; continually improving energy and water productivity, increasing renewable sources as a proportion of total energy use, and creating sustained value for our customers, internal stakeholders, business partners and the wider community.

Teys understand outcomes of the proposed project will deliver benefit that will be shared with other key industrial facility operators within the Bomen Business Park. Not only does the Proposal support opportunities for current businesses within the Bomen Industrial Area, it provides opportunities for the future growth of the economic engine of Wagga.

Sincerely,

Charles Hollingworth

General Manager – Asset Management

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