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To whom it may concern,

RE: Support for Bomen Solar Farm

On behalf of the RDA Riverina Committee I am writing to support the Bomen Solar Farm.

RDA's are non-profit, community-based organisations. The RDA-Riverina committee comprises of 12 members from across the region who represent local communities, businesses and local government. The RDA-Riverina committee has a broad and diverse skills base and demonstrated networks and alliances. The Chair is appointed by the Commonwealth Minister for Regional Development. RDA Riverina work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the economic development of the Riverina region. The RDA Charter requires local RDAs to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to identify economic opportunities and leverage private and public-sector investment to the regions. The Bomen Solar Farm fits in this classification.

It is proposed that Bomen Solar Farm will create an economic benefit for the Riverina region with 100 additional jobs during construction and 5 operational jobs and ongoing affordable power for Bomen Business Park. The affordable energy has an ability to attract further business to the Bomen Business Park. RDA Riverina understand that the proposed venture will be on industrial zoned land.

Renew Estate brings International Solar Company, Worsol, with it on this venture. Worsol have numerous Solar Farms across Northern Europe and the UK and several other Solar Farms in various stages of establishment in QLD and VIC. The proposed Bomen Solar Farm is located on 256 hectares of industrial land.

RDA Riverina welcomes the \$168m Renew Estate Bomen Solar Farm, the jobs it will create in construction and the affordable energy choice for business in an expanding industrial park.

Kind Regards



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