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Your Ref: SSD_7487

The Director
Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Rose-Anne Hawkeswood – Planning Officer

Dear Sir / Madam,

White Rock Solar Farm Project (SSD 7487) Gwydir Highway, Matheson

I refer to your email of 18 March 2016 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the exhibition of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the abovementioned development application.

Roles and Responsibilities

The key interests for Roads and Maritime are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure assets and the integration of land use and transport.

The Gwydir Highway (HW12) is a classified (state) road. Glen Innes Severn Council and Inverell Shire Council are the Roads Authorities for all public roads in the subject area in accordance with Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993*. Roads and Maritime has responsibilities for classified roads in accordance with the Act.

Roads and Maritime Response

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the development application and provides the following comments to assist the consent authority in making a determination;

1. The proposed White Rock Solar Farm (WRSF) is noted as being complimentary to the White Rock Wind Farm (WRWF) approved under major project MP10_160 and that the two projects are proposed to share a common access and substation infrastructure. It is considered likely that the approved access treatment for the WRWF will accommodate the operational traffic movements generated by WRWF and WRSF projects.
2. It is understood that traffic movements generated by the construction and/or operational phase of WRSF are not proposed to commence until after the construction of the approved access treatment for the WRWF. Where the WRSF is proposed to commence prior to, or in isolation to, the WRWF then an Austroads basic right-turn (BAR) and auxiliary left-turn (AUL) treatment is to be installed prior to the commencement of construction traffic.
3. The Traffic Management Plan and Construction Environmental Management Plan for the WRSF should be complimentary to and consistent with the approved documents for the WRWF.

4. All works on the Gwydir Highway are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and RMS Supplements.
5. The Developer will be required to enter into a 'Works Authorisation Deed' (WAD) with Roads and Maritime prior to the commencement of works on the classified road. All works under the WAD would need to be completed to the satisfaction of Roads and Maritime prior to the commencement of on-site construction or subject to the discretion of Roads and Maritime. The Developer will be responsible for all the costs associated with the works and administration for the WAD process.

It is recommended that developers familiarise themselves with the requirements of the WAD process and contact our office to obtain further advice where necessary. Further information on undertaking private developments adjacent to classified roads can be accessed at:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/planning-principles/index.html>

Upon determination of the application, it would be appreciated if Council could forward a copy of the Notice of Determination for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Liz Smith, Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully



21 April 2016

for Monica Sirol
Network & Safety Manager, Northern Region