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Dear Mr Holme,

### **SEBASTOPOL SOLAR FARM SSD 18\_9098**

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I refer to your e-mail dated 9 October 2018 inviting comments on the above State Significant Development of a photovoltaic solar farm located in the Temora and Junee LGAs with an estimated capacity of 108 megawatts, an energy storage facility and associated infrastructure.

We understand the proposal includes:

- Single axis tracker PV solar panels mounted on steel frames over most of the site (up to approximately 308,000 PV solar panels).
- Battery storage, allowing energy to be stored on-site during periods of low demand and released to the network during periods of higher demand.
- Electrical conduits and transformers.
- On site substation.
- Site office, parking access tracks and perimeter fencing.
- Electrical transmission infrastructure and overhead transmission line to connect the proposal to the existing 132 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.
- Internal access roads.
- Upgrade to existing roads.
- On-site vegetative screening.

There are no State Heritage Register (SHR) items within the proposed development site. Also, there are no SHR items in the vicinity. Therefore, it is considered that no comments are warranted on the proposed development from the Heritage Council of NSW in relation to impacts on SHR items.

However, the information submitted identifies aboriginal archaeological potential, therefore it is recommended that the following conditions be placed on any approval:

- The applicant must ensure that if unexpected archaeological deposits or relics not identified and considered in the supporting documents for this approval are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.
- Should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered by the work which is not covered by a valid Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit, excavation or disturbance of the area is to



stop immediately and the Office of Environment & Heritage is to be informed in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (as amended)*. Works affecting Aboriginal objects on the site must not continue until the Office of Environment and Heritage has been informed and the appropriate approvals are in place. Aboriginal objects must be managed in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

It is noted that there are two local heritage items identified in the Temora LEP that are located in close proximity to the proposed development:

- a) POW Hut, Sebastopol, Temora LEP item 48.
- b) Sebastopol Village Precinct, Temora LEP item 59.

Consultation with Temora and June local councils is recommended to mitigate any impacts to local heritage items in the vicinity of the affected area and visual impacts associated with the project.

**Please note no further referral to the Heritage Council is required for the subject development at any of the SSD stages including any future modifications.**

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Mariana Martin, Heritage Assessment Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at e-mail: [mariana.martin@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mariana.martin@environment.nsw.gov.au) or on telephone: 9873 8527.

Yours sincerely

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