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The Manager
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Attention: Mr Anthony Ko

Dear Mr Ko

SSD9254: Lots 22-25, 27, 30, 45, 49-51, 60-63, 69-80, 92, 105-107, 119 and 152-154 DP 755430, and Lot 1 DP 650653; Maree Road, Wollar; Wollar Solar Farm; Exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for your email on 11 April 2019 advising Roads and Maritime Services that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in support of SSD9254 is on public exhibition and inviting comment.

The information provided in the EIS is inadequate and in some areas, conflicts with other statements made elsewhere in the EIS. Roads and Maritime, at this time, withholds its advice to the Department. To enable Roads and Maritime to complete its assessment of SSD9254, the following additional information is requested:

- In section 3.3.1 of the Traffic Impact Assessment it states 40 bus trips will occur each day, transporting construction staff to and from the site. However, in section 4.1.1, it states 11 buses will access and egress the site during the peak period. Further information is requested clarifying:
 - How the 500 construction staff will be transported to the site each day. Should buses be proposed, the following information is required:
 - The number of staff projected to use bus transport and how these projections will be met.
 - Details of bus pick up/drop off locations.
 - Strategies to be employed to manage driver fatigue and driver behaviour.
- An assessment, including a road safety audit, of the existing Wollar Road (MR208) and Barrigan Road intersection. Particularly, an assessment of the current geometry of the intersection, including the narrow single lane bridge in Wollar Road on approach to the intersection, and its ability to safely accommodate increased traffic volumes.

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- Further consideration of interaction between haulage vehicles and school buses and children. It is common practice for similar projects to not undertake haulage and staff movements during school bus pick up/drop off times. The proponent needs to consider restricting haulage operations to outside these times, or, provide details of measures to be employed to ensure, in relation to construction transport activities, that a high level of safety exists for school children and other road users.

To summarise, construction activities will significantly increase traffic volumes on local and regional roads that carry very low volumes of traffic. Additional information is required outlining how staff and material transport to (and from the site) each day will be undertaken, and what measures are to be employed, and road upgrades required, to ensure these activities occur in a safe and efficient manner. Roads and Maritime contends these matters need to be addressed now, as part of the assessment process, and not after development consent is granted.

Please confirm with Roads and Maritime the development proposal will not be determined until such time as Roads and Maritime has had an opportunity to comprehensively assess the development application following provision of additional information. Should you require further information please contact the undersigned on 02 6861 1453.

Yours faithfully



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