

Mr Rhyson Li Director Oxley Solar Development Pty Ltd By email: <u>Rhyson.li@sunglowgroup.com</u>

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Dear Mr Li

## Oxley Solar Farm (SSD-10346) Request for Additional Information

I refer to the proposed Oxley Solar Farm (SSD-10346).

Further to our letter dated 21 April 2021 requesting a response to submissions received during the exhibition of the development application, the Department has concerns with the level of potential impacts of the project based on the information provided to date.

The Department is requesting that you provide additional information, including on the matters outlined below:

- **Visual** detailed assessment and consideration of visual impacts of the project on all nonassociated residences and public viewpoints (including Oxley Wild Rivers National Park), including potential cumulative impacts with nearby solar farms and a glint and glare impact assessment;
- Soil and Erosion details of surface water management controls for the development, including erosion and sediment controls and consideration of the associated disturbance and offsite and downstream impacts;
- **Traffic and Transport** clarify and assess the proposed vehicle access route and site access points (including consultation with the relevant roads authorities and potentially impacted residences), and provide a schedule of all proposed road works and upgrades;
- **Biodiversity** additional biodiversity assessment, including an updated Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR), with consideration of comments provided by the Biodiversity Conservation and Science directorate of the Department, including matters relating to National Parks and Wildlife Service's Estate;
- **Bushfire and Hazards** additional assessment of impacts relating to bushfire and hazards, including a Preliminary Hazard Analysis for the Battery Energy Storage System;
- **Cumulative Impacts** assessment of the full range of potential cumulative impacts with adjacent and nearby solar farms, including visual, traffic and noise;
- **Project description** clarify the development footprint within the project site and details of further assessment undertaken, and confirm any works proposed on Crown Land; and
- **Consultation** provide evidence of consultation undertaken with relevant government agencies, Council and the public regarding the matters outlined above, including any proposed amendments to the project.

Please note that, as per our letter dated 21 April 2021, all submissions received following public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement should be addressed in the Submissions Report for the project.

Any changes to the project should be documented in an Amendment Report, which should provide a revised project description clearly outlining all development proposed for the project along with any supporting revised environmental assessment documents. Where necessary to respond to submissions, the Submissions Report can reference content provided in the Amendment Report.

If you propose to lodge an Amendment Report, please write to the Department at the earliest convenience providing an overview of the likely changes and scope of additional assessment so that the proposed amendments can be considered by the Department (as a delegate of the consent authority) as per Clause 55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Homsey on 02 8275 1264 or natasha.homsey@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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