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Dear Sir

Gilgandra Solar Farm Amendment to Development Application

1 Background

The Gilgandra Solar Project (the project) was approved as State Significant Development (SSD) 6785 on 17 July 2017 under delegation from the Minister for Planning. The project was subsequently modified under Section 96(1A) of *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act) to regularise the consent for the preferred project incorporating a number of minor modifications.

Modification 1 to SSD 6785 was approved on 19 June 2019 and included the following:

- Amendment to the proposed maximum height of the solar panels, from 3 metres to 4.2 metres
- Subdivision of Lot 7 DP 752575, to create two allotments
- Additional area for temporary offices, car parking and laydown
- Amendment to the approved 'Ancillary Infrastructure corridor'
- Amendment to the proposed generation capacity of the solar farm

Upon preparation of the general layout of development plan for Appendix 1 of the Development Consent, two areas of vegetation exclusion zone were mistakenly added that are inconsistent with SSD 6785 Appendix 1.

These vegetation exclusion zones are proposed to be removed by this amendment as activities associated with the modification impact or require the vegetation removal.

Attached is the rectified Appendix 1 plan with the two areas of vegetation exclusion zone removed.

2 Legislative considerations

The environmental impacts associated with the removal of the vegetation exclusion zone have been previously assessed within the Gilgandra Solar Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and approved as part of SSD 6785. The project will remain the same development as originally approved and will be "generally in accordance" with the development described within the approval.

Neoen Australia Pty Ltd therefore seeks confirmation from DPI&E as to whether the vegetation exclusion zone removal ensures consistency with the original DA and will therefore require a subsequent modification to regularise the consent for the preferred project.

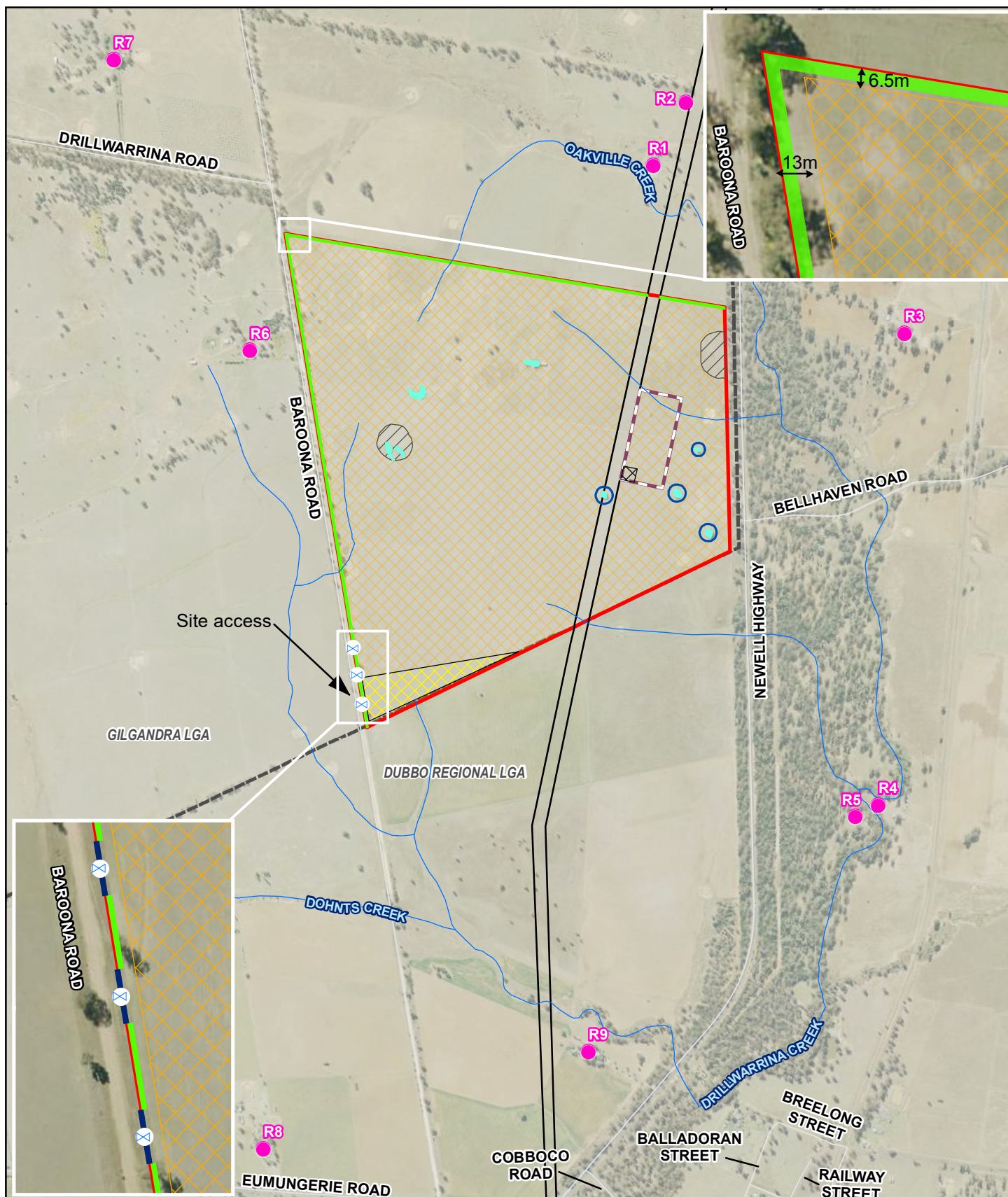
If required it is considered suitable to be undertaken as a modification under Section 4.55(1) of the EP&A Act. The changes represent a minor error, misdescription or miscalculation to the vegetation exclusion zone and the environmental impacts have previously been considered as part of the original DA.

Sincerely
GHD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mees', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Mees

Attached: Appendix 1

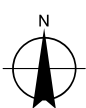


LEGEND

- Proposal site
- Aboriginal heritage exclusion zone
- Ancillary infrastructure corridor (to include delivery station substation, carpark, operation and maintenance office)
- Essential Energy 66kV transmission line
- Construction laydown area/ car parking
- Proposed lot 2
- Pilliga Box - White Cypress Pine - Buloke shrubby woodland in the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion (CW165, Moderate/good - poor)

- Vegetation exclusion zones
- LGA boundary
- Landscaping area
- Potential location of solar arrays
- X Site access
- Sensitive receiver
- Waterways crossing the site

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Map Projection: Transverse Mercator
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Neoen Australia Pty Ltd
Gilgandra Solar Farm
Modification 1 SSD 6785
Subdivision Layout and
Modified Project

Job Number 21-25942
Revision A
Date 27 Jun 2019

Figure 2-3

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