

July 6, 2020 (revised July 9, 2020)

Mike Young
Executive Director, Energy, Resources & Compliance
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street,
Parramatta NSW 2150

Dear Mike,

Re: Biodiversity Offset Credits for the Suntop Solar Farm

As discussed with your Department, some early grid connection works are scheduled to start at the 150MWac Suntop Solar Farm one week from today. These works are in advance of the full Notice to Proceed for the EPC contractor scheduled next month.

Therefore, the Suntop Solar Farm is effectively proceeding in two stages.

- **Stage 1 - Early TransGrid Substation Works**

- Construction of a substation access road from the NW corner of the site down the Western Boundary
 - As shown in green on the map below
- TransGrid mobilises to site and installs construction trailers
- Substation survey and setout
- Set up construction fencing, erosion control measures
 - The above works are occurring at the location of the substation (as indicated with red arrows)

- **Stage 2 - Full Construction Works**

- All remaining construction work as approved in the Development Consent
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Map showing location of Suntop Solar Farm Stage 1 Construction Works

I can confirm the Early TransGrid Substation Works will result in no detrimental impact or removal of native trees or native vegetation comprising the White Box – White Cypress Pine – Western Grey Box shrub/grass/forb Woodland which is the subject of our PCT 267 biodiversity credit obligation.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Department utilises their discretion with relation to item 12 of the Suntop Solar Farm's Conditions of Consent to allow the Early TransGrid Substation Works to proceed before retirement of the biodiversity credits.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Upson', written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Upson
Director Project Development and Origination

cc. Iwan Davies
Natasha Homsey