

Wollar Solar Development Pty Ltd ABN 88 621 969 266 Level 21, 1 York Street Sydney, NSW 2000

Natasha Homsey
NSW Department of Planning Industry & Environment

29/06/2021

Dear Natasha,

RE: Secretary Discretion for traffic movements in Schedule 3 – Condition 1 of Development Consent

Wollar Solar Farm was granted Development Consent by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on 4 February, 2020, subject to conditions. Wollar Solar Development Pty Ltd (WSD) is the proponent. Since then, WSD has completed public road works to Barigan Road to the satisfaction of Council and in accordance with Condition Sch 3-8.

WSD is now preparing to construct the northern access track, an unsealed road from Barigan Road to the site of the proposed Wollar Solar Farm substation and the Wollar Solar Farm. The northern access track works are critical to allowing Transgrid to commence works on the construction of the Wollar Solar Farm substation.

WSD is requesting Secretary discretion is granted in relation to Item A and Item B, as described below, under Condition Sch 3-1.

Transgrid is due to commence the substation works at the end of August and it will take 2 to 2.5 months to construct the northern access track. As such, the items below are critical to the development's timelines.

- Northern access track Request for Discretion
  - ITEM A Our civil works contractor plans to deliver roadbase materials to the site from Ulan, on Ulan-Wollar Road and onwards to the site by B-double vehicle. The roadbase will be used to construct the northern access track. These vehicles will have a maximum length of 26m and gross vehicle mass (GVM) of 62.5T. 420 deliveries are expected over one-month period with a maximum frequency of 26 movements/day. No such deliveries will impact school bus hours.
  - o ITEM B Our contractor plans to deliver 5 pieces of earthmoving equipment required to undertake the northern access track works using oversize loads.

#### ITEM A

- Review of documentation
  - Condition Sch3-1 part a) allows 26AV/B-double vehicle movements per day during construction.
  - The EIS and Traffic Impact Assessment consider the use of B-doubles during construction, as does the submissions report, for instance section 6.1.
  - However Condition Sch3-1 part b) restricts vehicles to a maximum length of 19m, which excludes the use of B-doubles.
  - The reference in Condition Sch3-1 part b) to 19m maximum length was included after the draft conditions were issued to WSD for comment. The draft conditions referred to a maximum length of 26m, which would allow B- doubles and is consistent with feedback from RMS described in section 6.5 of the submissions report.
  - Furthermore, the Conditions of Consent include a definition for AV/B- Double that limits the combined mass to 42.5T. We are unsure of the origin of this restriction, as it was not present in the draft conditions that WSD was provided by DPIE. The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (<a href="https://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201607-0116-mass-and-dimension-limits.pdf">https://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201607-0116-mass-and-dimension-limits.pdf</a>) states a 19m long articulated vehicle with 1 articulation point and 6 axles under GML has an allowable GVM of 42.5 tonnes. We believe this is how the mass limitations was introduced to the COC definitions of AV/B-double truck. The NVHR states that a common 9 axle B-double can be 26m long for eligible vehicles and under GML has an allowable GVM of 62.5 tonnes.

#### Other information supporting our request

- The route from Ulan to Wollar and on to the Site is listed as an approved 26m B-double route, subject to the restriction that certain sections aren't tobe used during school bus hours (<u>NSW Combined Higher Mass Limits (HML)</u> and <u>Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Map < Heavy vehicles > Transport for NSW</u>)
- We engaged Amber to complete an updated Swept Path Analysis of Barigan Road based on a 26m B-double. Amber has confirmed that 26 B-Double's can safely use this road and their confirmation is attached in (Appendix D).
- The use of B-Double vehicles as described will reduce the number of vehicles required to deliver the roadbase and fill for the northern access road by approximately 25%.
- Council (the road authority) has been briefed on the proposal to use B-doubles and have no objection, subject to compliance with the NHVR for B-double usage. See Appendix E.

#### Request of Secretary

We request Secretary discretion is granted under condition 3-1 to allow the following:

Delivery of roadbase materials to the Site from Ulan, on Ulan-Wollar Road and onwards to the Site by B-double vehicles, for the purposes of constructing the northern access track. These vehicles will have a maximum length of 26m and gross vehicle mass of 62.5T. 420 deliveries are expected over one-month period with a maximum frequency of 26 movements/day.No such deliveries will impact school bus hours.

#### ITEM B

- Review of documentation
  - Condition Sch3-1 part a) allows 5 over-dimensional vehicle movements during construction, upgrading and decommissioning. This number wasincreased from 2 to 5 by Modification 2.
  - The Conditions of Consent define over-dimensional vehicle as "Over-massand/or over-size/length vehicles"
  - The Traffic Assessment Report prepared by Ontoit and included in the EIS as Appendix J and the revised version of this report attached to the submissions report both assess impacts as acceptable based on 2 oversize vehicles per day during construction.
  - Contrary to the report by Ontoit, Section 4 of the EIS by NGH identifies traffic movements of 2 oversized vehicles during the construction of the project. These oversize vehicles were expected to transport the substation transformer (potentially up to 157 tonnes) and a 200-tonne crane. We presume NGH interpreted oversize vehicles to be very large vehicles requiring a police escort. The impact of transporting 6 earthworks machines to site was included (for instance in Table 4-4) but not specifically labelled asoversize because they do not require a police escort. For example, a 30t excavator was identified as required machinery and this requires a transport width of 3.4m and would be classified as oversize under the NHVR guideline (max width of 2.5m). A grader was included in the EIS and this typically has a width of 3.5m but this was also not labelled as an oversize movement.
- Other information supporting our request for Secretary discretion
  - The Contractor (A1 Earthworx) has already received the heavy vehicle permit from NHVR for the delivery of plant using oversize vehicles (refer to Appendix C).
  - Council has been briefed on the proposal to use additional oversize vehicles for the delivery of plant and have no objection. See Appendix E.
  - Details of the earthworks plant to be delivered is included in Appendix A. Note, not all deliveries specified result in an oversize classification. Our contractor has confirmed an additional 5 oversize loads would allow all plant to be delivered.

#### Request of Secretary

• We are requesting Secretary discretion is granted to allow an additional 5 oversize deliveries to travel to and from the site for the delivery of earthmoving plant and equipment. These oversize movements are in addition to the 5 oversize movements already allowed under condition 3-1.

#### Haulage Plan

- The TMP approved by DPIE under condition 3-10 requires submission of a Haulage Plan for each stage of the works. The Northern Access Road is referred to as Stage 2 in the approved TMP. WSD will submit a Haulage Plan on the basis of the above-described Bdouble and oversize vehicle movements. The TMP states the Haulage Plan must include:
  - Details of school bus routes and rail crossings
  - The quantity and origin of materials

- Consideration of change in shift times for local mines
- The Haulage Plan for these works will include a Traffic Control Plan specifying the use of a one-way system on Barigan Road, as specified in in Appendix 4 of the Conditions of Consent.

Wollar Solar Development appreciates the Secretary's consideration of this request. Should the Secretary have any questions, please contact myself on the contact details below or Duncan Upton - <a href="mailto:duncan.upton@bjceaustralia.com">duncan.upton@bjceaustralia.com</a>

Yours sincerely,

Berk Well

**Derek Powell** 

Director

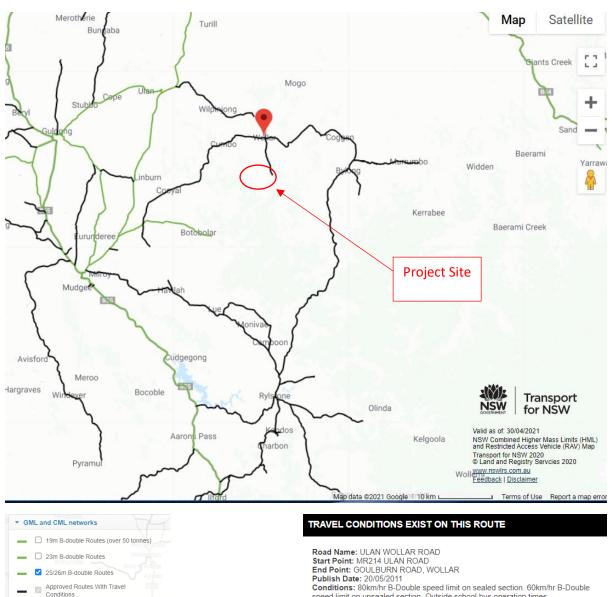
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# Appendix A – Earthwork plant required for northern access track

		Ove	Oversize Overmass Vehicle (greater than 19 meters)					Required equipment				
No off	F	Plant item	Wheel Base	Over all	Blade width	Height	Weight Kgs	length	Float	Dolly	Truck	Front pilot Escort
2	6:	27 Scraper	7722mm	3467mm		3705mm	37245kg	12917mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
1	851	L Compactor	3350mm		3761 mm	3650mm	22386kg	7157mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1	320	Cat Excavator		2980mm		2960mm	22800kg	9530mm	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Paver	ment Stabiliser	TBC			TBC	TBC	TBC	Yes	TBC	Yes	No
1	Gr	ader 140M	6121mm	2493mm		3308mm	18400kg	10136mm	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Grader 140H		6169mm	2464mm		3308mm	18400kg	10136mm	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Padfoot Roller			2300mm		3011mm	6395kg	5085mm	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Smoo	othdrum Roller		2300mm		3011mm	6395kg	3131mm	Yes	No	Yes	No
Length of combinations				Combination carry weights Tare				Combination carry weights Gross			Gross	
Truck and float 21790mm			Truck and float		25720kg			Truck and float		59500kg		
Truck, Dolly & float 25270mm		25270mm		Truck, Dolly & float		29540kg			Truck, Do	lly & float	775	00kg
				Combina	tion carry wei	ghts Net						
				Truck and		33780kg						
				Truck, Do	lly & float	47960kg						

# Appendix B - Approved 25/26m B-double route



#### TRAVEL CONDITIONS EXIST ON THIS ROUTE

Road Name: BARIGAN ROAD Start Point: MR208 WOLLAR ROAD End Point: TICHULAR ROAD Publish Date: 20/05/2011

Exception Routes (not approved)

Conditions: A maximum speed limit of 60km/h applies.

To provide feedback visit: Contact Roads and Maritime Services

speed limit on unsealed section. Outside school bus operation times.

To provide feedback visit: Contact Roads and Maritime Services

#### TRAVEL CONDITIONS EXIST ON THIS ROUTE

Road Name: WOLLAR ROAD

Start Point: BOTOBOLAR ROAD
End Point: "MURRUMBO" JUST WEST OF LGA BOUNDARY

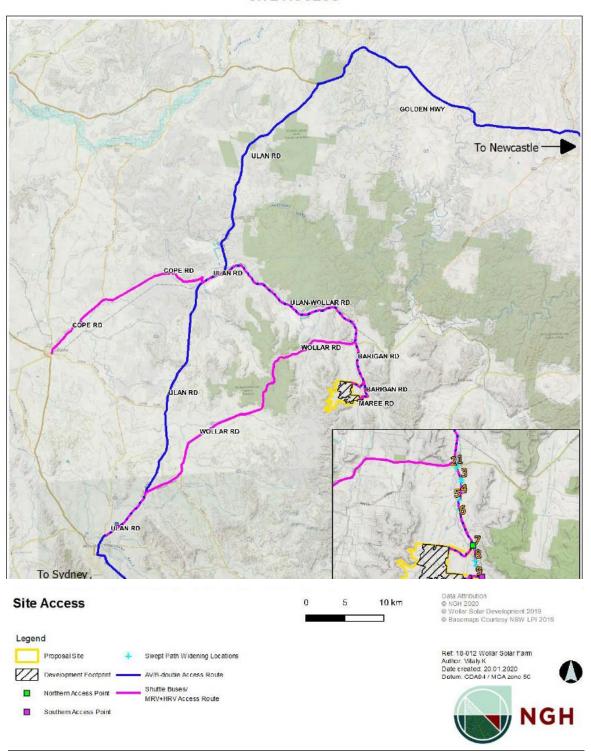
Publish Date: 20/05/2011 Conditions: 80km/hr B-Double speed limit. Outside school bus operation times.

To provide feedback visit: Contact Roads and Maritime Services

https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/maps/restrictedaccess-vehicles-map/map/

# Site access route as per Conditions of Consent

#### SITE ACCESS



# Appendix C – Heavy Vehicle Permit



Permit number 480049V1

# Oversize and/or Overmass (OSOM) Mass or Dimension Exemption Permit

#### **Heavy Vehicle National Law**

This Permit is issued under the provisions of Section 122 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law for the operation of a Class 1 vehicle (as defined in this Permit) subject to the conditions set out in this Permit and any attachments.

#### Permit details

This Permit is issued to

A1 EARTHWORX MINING & CIVIL PTY LTD

Address

176 WILBERTREE RD MENAH, NSW 2850

Vehicle configuration and description

Prime mover towing OS/OM/OSOM load Prime Mover, Dolly and Low Loader

Permit type

Oversize and Overmass (OSOM)

Permit period

Start date End date

01-Jun-2021 23-May-2024

Period or fixed trips

Period Permit

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#### Vehicle details

#### Prime mover

Registration	State of Registration	VIN	GVM (t)	GTM (t)
AIT909	NSW	6F500000DA450340	26.5t	n/a

Trailer Registration Numbers	
Trailer/s must be registered	

GCM must not exceed manufacturer's specifications

#### Loaded axle mass and spacings

Axle group	Axle group mass	Axle #	No. Tyres	Minimum distance from previous axle	Tyre size	Steerable	Minimum ground contact width	Load sharing
Prime mover 1-2 axle	9							
Steer	6t	1	2	n/a	295mm	Yes	2.4m	No
Drive	18.5t	1	4	5.17m	279mm	No	2.4m	Yes
		2	4	1.32m	279mm	No	2.4m	Yes
Lowloader dolly 2 ax	le			-		-		
Dolly	18t	1	4	3.47m	279mm	No	2.48m	Yes
		2	4	1.23m	279mm	No	2.48m	Yes
Lowloader 4 axle spr	ead	•						
Lowloader Front	t 17.5t	1	4	7.1m	279mm	No	3.42m	Yes
		2	4	1.2m	279mm	No	3.42m	Yes
Lowloader Rear	17.5t	1	4	2.4m	279mm	No	3.42m	Yes
		2	4	1.2m	279mm	No	3.42m	Yes

#### **Unladen dimensions**

Unladen width (metres)	Unladen length (metres)	Unladen height (metres)	Tare mass (tonnes)
2.5m	25.27m	3.4m	29.54t

#### Laden dimensions

Width (metres)	Length (metres)	Height (metres)	Total mass (tonnes)
3.7m	25.27m	5m	70.54t
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Forward projection Rear (metres) (metres) n/a

Rear overhang (metres)

Load type Description of load

Indivisible

Various Mobile Plant - 627K Scraper - 815 Compactor - 20T

Excavators



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#### **Authorised Routes**

Turn by turn description

480049r1v1 - Single Route

Start: Approved OSOM Network, Castlereagh Hwy, Mudgee NSW

Short St, Mudgee Douro St, Mudgee Short St, Mudgee Ulan Rd, [Mudgee - Ulan] Ulan-Wollar Rd, [Ulan - Wollar]

Barigan St, Wollar Maitland St, Wollar Barigan Rd, Wollar

End: Barigan Rd, Wollar NSW (Approx. 0.50km from Wollar Rd)

Laden return via reversal of route

#### **Road conditions**

#### **Mid-Western Regional Council**

- (1) LEDD01 Heavy Vehicle Movement Assessing routes for potential disruptions and damage including advanced notification
  - (1) Before the heavy vehicle is driven along the approved route, the driver and operator must be satisfied that the vehicle can be driven along it without contravening subsection 2, 3 or 4
  - (2) The driver and operator must be satisfied that there is no impediment to the requested movement by ensuring that relevant affected parties such as residence or industry are notified in writing of the movement no less than 24 hours prior to the movement schedule.
  - (3) The heavy vehicle must not be driven along a route if to do so would be likely to cause;
    - (a) disruption to telecommunication, electricity, rail, gas, water or sewage services (relevant services) or
    - (b) damage to road side furniture, roads (including a bridge), structure, rail crossing or tree (relevant property).
  - (4) Subsection (3) does not apply if the entity responsible for the relevant services or relevant property has given permission for the vehicle to travel along the route, and the vehicle is driven in accordance with the permission.
- (2) RI10 Heavy vehicle movement Report of Damage

In the event that the permitted heavy vehicle damages assets or infrastructure, contact must be made with Mid-Western Regional Council of Works Department via 0263782858 with receipt of the advised damage from the road manager.

A written statement of the damage must be recorded and provided in writing to the road manager prior to repairs of the damaged infrastructure or asset.

#### Regulator

(1) GO03 -

You may be required under another law to obtain consent or approval from a Third Party entity.

These approvals must be carried and produced on request by an authorised officer. In this section Third Party entity usually include the following -

(a) police especially with respect to the movement of vehicles which exceed dimension



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- requirements due to the potential risks to other road users and possible need for police assistance to control traffic
- (b) rail infrastructure managers the movement of oversize/overmass heavy vehicles across level crossings or restricted access vehicles near rail infrastructure may create risks that need to be managed
- (c) utilities restricted access vehicles may have adverse effects on utilities infrastructure with over height vehicles and telecommunications/power lines being a common concern
- (d) private road owners allowing public access toll roads, ports, airports, hospitals and private estates are potential examples where those road owners, who may not be road managers for the purpose of the HVNL, also need to grant consent to the use of restricted access vehicles
- (e) forestry agencies roads owned by governmental agencies can possess different characteristics that may pose risks not found on typical roads and if the government agency is not a road manager for the purpose of the HVNL may require special consideration to manage risks arising from the use of restricted access vehicles on these roads.

#### (2) LEMS1 -

Should a Road Manager not indicate or express a minimum requirement of Pilots or Escorts within the permitted roads/areas/routes, the corresponding requirement shall be applied in accordance with the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice including the associated schedule/s and amendment notices.

Should a permitted dimension be in excess of the dimensions indicated within the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice including the associated schedule/s and amendment notices, the maximum Pilot and Escort vehicle requirements shall be applied.

(3) LEMS2 - Conditions of Access - Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Mass and/or Dimension Exemption Notice

All conditions of access, including but not limited to pilot/escort requirements and areas/routes of access as per the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Mass and/or Dimension Exemption Notice including any amendments and associated schedules of operation for the eligible class 1 vehicle combination.

#### **Travel conditions**

N/A

#### Vehicle conditions

#### Regulator

- (1) LE14 A class 1 heavy vehicle operating under this permit must comply with the conditions stated within Divisions 1, 2 and 5 of Schedule 8 of the Heavy Vehicle National (Mass, Dimension and Loading) Regulation, unless otherwise expressly exempted by a stated condition in this permit.
- (2) LEOL Other Laws and Legislation

Nothing within this permit exempts the driver or operator of the permitted heavy vehicle from complying with legislation regulating the use of heavy vehicle. This includes but is not limited to conditions applied within the vehicles registration, compliance with sign posted restrictions, traffic law or compliance with lawful directions of authorised officer.

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The driver of the heavy vehicle who is driving a vehicle that is subject to a permit issued under the HVNL must keep a copy of the permit for the exemption in the driver's possession.

The driver or operator of a heavy vehicle being used on a road that is subject to a permit issued under the HVNL must not contravene a condition of the permit.

The driver or operator must comply with the provisions of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation unless anything contrary is applied within this permit.

It is an offence to operate a vehicle at a mass limit greater than indicated by an official traffic sign.

#### **Declaration**

Signed:

**NHVR** Delegate

Dated: 01-Jun-2021

Associated documents

N/A

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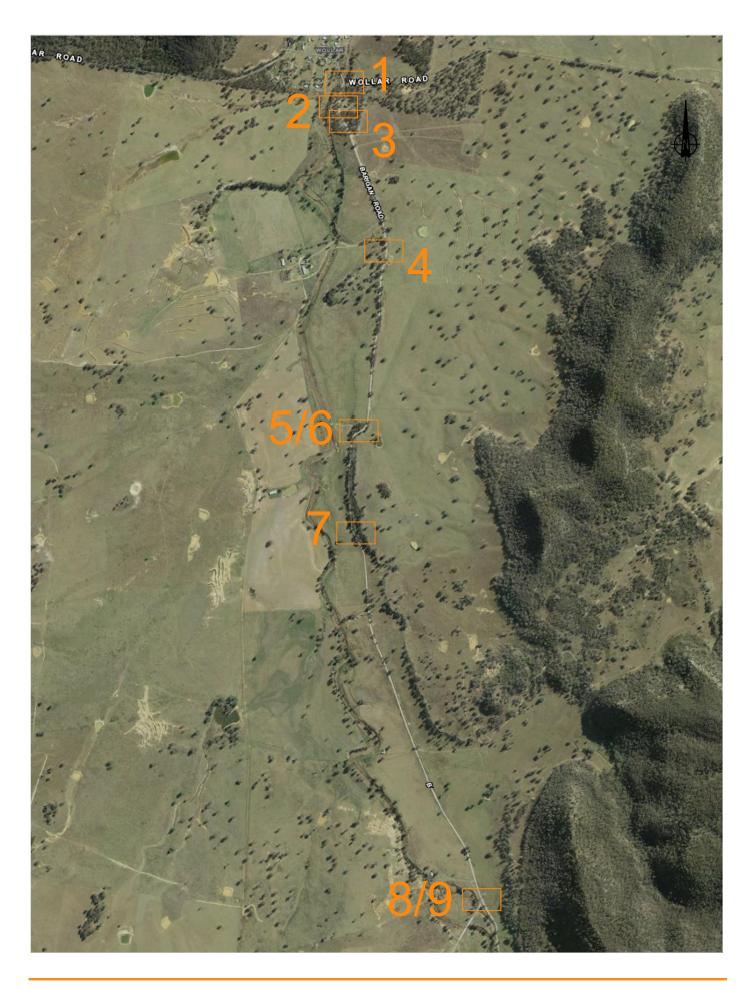
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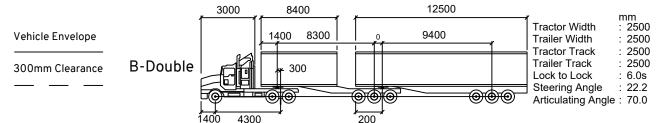
# Appendix D – Swept Path Analysis





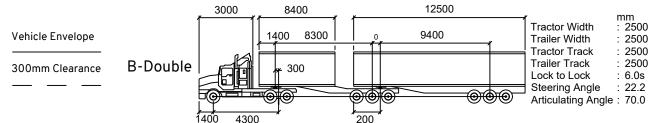






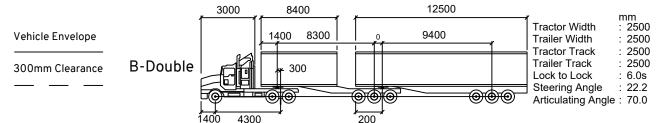






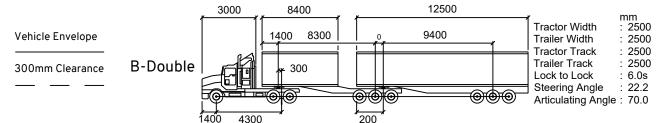






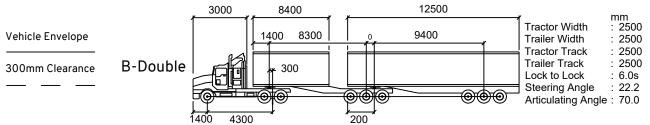






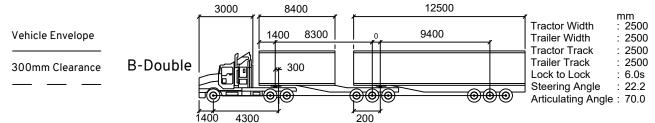




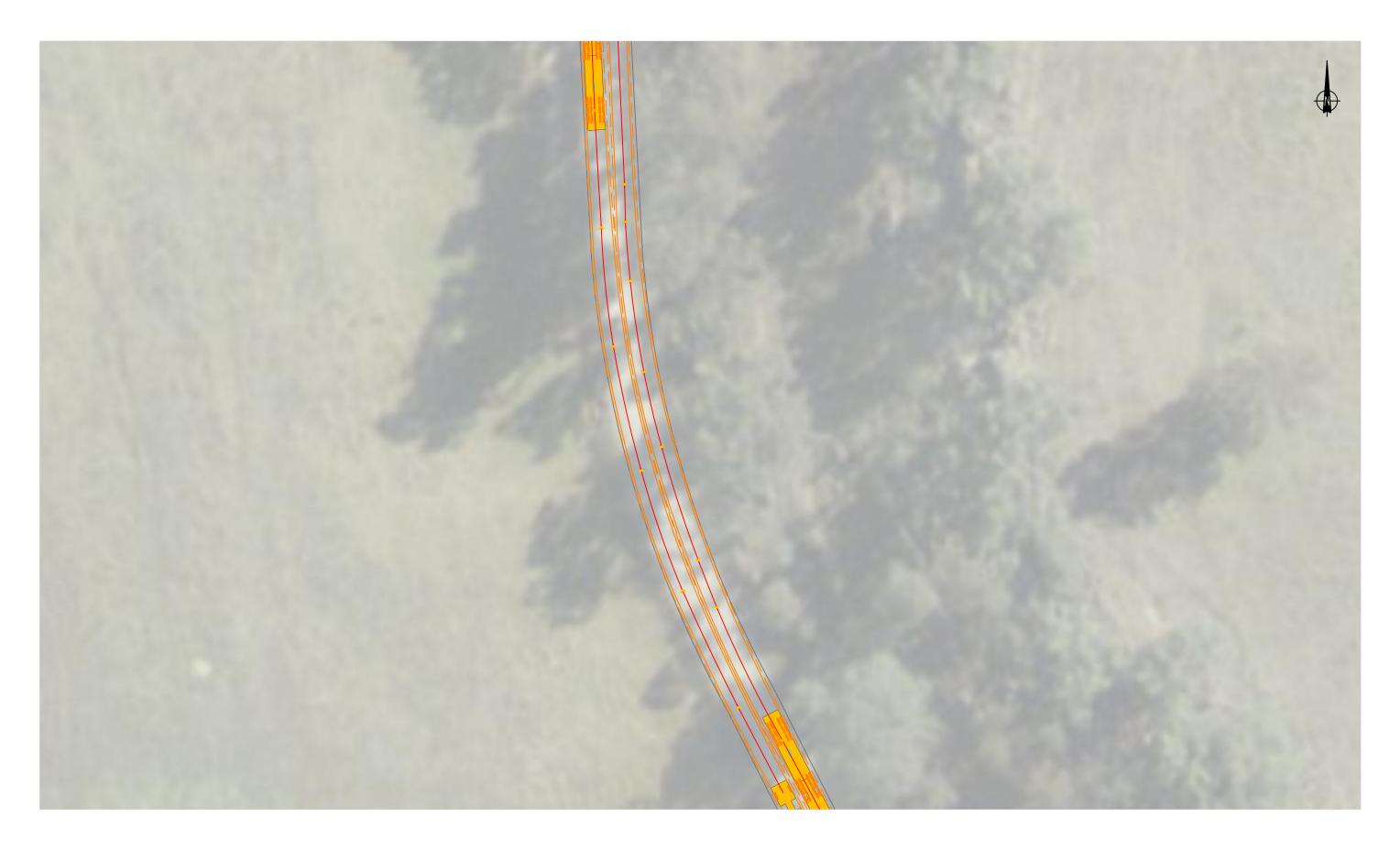


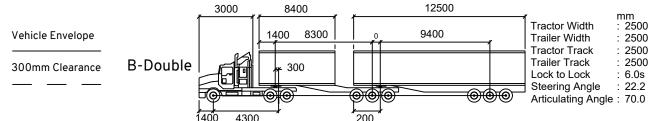






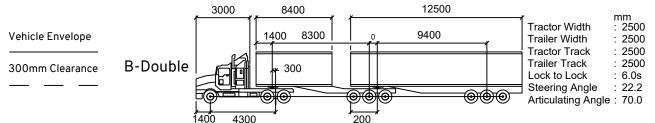






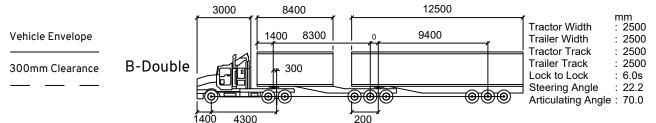














# **Appendix E – Council Consultation**

 From:
 Julie Robertson

 To:
 Duncan Upton

 Cc:
 Derek Powell

**Subject:** RE: Wollar Solar Farm - traffic movements for the northern access road

**Date:** Friday, 18 June 2021 3:59:08 PM

#### Hi Duncan,

The documentation has been reviewed by the relevant Council departments.

Council does not have any objections to the two requests made, subject to compliance with the NHVR for B-Double usage.

Kind regards, Julie

From: Duncan Upton <duncan.upton@bjceaustralia.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 3:54 PM

To: Julie Robertson < Julie.Robertson@midwestern.nsw.gov.au>

**Cc:** Derek Powell <derek.powell@bjceaustralia.com>

Subject: Wollar Solar Farm - traffic movements for the northern access road

Hi Julie,

As discussed yesterday, we are seeking secretary discretion on the truck movements for the construction of the northern access road.

Construction of the northern access road is scheduled to begin in about 2 weeks and be complete by the end of August 2021 (less than 2.5 months).

We believe there was basically a mistake somewhere in the process and are seeking to correct the mistake. Please review the attached justification.

The proposed discretion would be of benefit to the community because the number or trucks used to haul material would reduce by 25% (From 560 down to 420).

The proposed discretion will allow critical earthwork plant to be delivered to site e.g. 30t excavator (not particularly large).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Duncan



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