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Dear Iwan

## **QUORN PARK SOLAR FARM (SSS-9097) – PROPOSED STAGING – RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

We write with respect to the above matter and further to recent meetings between Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) staff and representatives of Enel Green Power Australia (EGPA).

We write further to our letter of 5 September 2024 with respect to the proposed staging of the construction of the solar farm and in response to the letter from the DPHI of 11 September 2024 in relation to the same matter.

The proposed staging request seeks the secretary's agreement (pursuant to condition 5 of schedule 3 of the consolidated consent) to enable construction of the solar farm to commence prior to the completion of all approved road upgrades. The DPHI letter of 11 September 2024 requested the carrying out of a number of steps to support the staging request, including engagement with Parkes Shire Council (PSC) and Transport for NSW (TfNSW), and associated updates to the project Traffic Management Plan (TMP), including the inclusion of proposed measures to manage and mitigate impacts of the proposed staging.

As a consequence of the above letter, EGPA and Premise met with PSC and TfNSW at Council's offices on 19 September 2024. The principle of the proposed staging was discussed and both PSC and TfNSW highlighted the necessary information and measures that would be required in order for PSC and TfNSW to agree to the proposed changes. As a result, the project TMP was updated (version 15 [v15]) and supplied to TfNSW and PSC for comment.

PSC confirmed acceptance of TMP v15 by email on 3 October 2024. A copy of that email of acceptance has been included in the updated TMP.



TfNSW provided comments on v15 of the TMP and sought additional information with respect to a number of matters, including previous land use traffic generation numbers. Version 16 [v16] of the TMP has now been updated to address these matters and was uploaded to the Major Projects portal on the 16 November 2024. The portal consultation function was used to provide the TMP to TfNSW for review and acceptance. Once acceptance is received, the TMP will be formally lodged with DPHI via the Major Projects portal to seek approval.

On the basis of the information supplied in the updated v16 TMP, we understand the matters outlined in the DPHI letter of 11 September 2024 have now been addressed.

To clarify the request, we provide the following project staging summary.

**Table 1 – Proposed project staging summary**

Stage	Stage summary	Notes
1a	Road upgrades to the intersection of Back Trundle Road and McGrath Lane or maintenance works to the public road network outlined in Appendix 1 of the development consent, building/road dilapidation surveys, installation of fencing, artefact survey and/or salvage, overhead line safety marking and geotechnical drilling and/or surveying;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Works in this stage are matters excluded from the definition of construction as per the consolidated development consent</li> </ul>
1b	Initial delivery of equipment and carrying out of minor site establishment including installation of internal roads, compound establishment, construction of the first three rows of solar panels (golden row) for testing purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; This stage applies prior to the carrying out of the approved intersection upgrade at the corner of Henry Parkes Way and McGrath Lane.</li> <li>&gt; During this stage, heavy vehicles up to 19m only would be used.</li> <li>&gt; Due to limitations of the current Henry Parkes Way/McGrath Lane intersection, only one heavy vehicle associated with the project will use the intersection at any one time.</li> <li>&gt; Limits on heavy and light vehicles accessing the site and using the Henry Parkes Way/McGrath Lane intersection, will be implemented and monitored, as outlined in the project TMP, together with implementation of specific management protocols to ensure impacts to the traffic network are minimised.</li> </ul>



1c	Road upgrades to the intersection of McGrath Lane and Henry Parkes Way and the first 100m of McGrath Lane as outlined in Appendix 3 of the development consent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Notification to TfNSW required prior to the commencement of this stage and on completion – as per the measures outlined in the project TMP.</li> <li>&gt; Construction operations beyond those matters outlined in Stage 1b will occur in this stage including delivery of equipment.</li> <li>&gt; As a Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) will be in effect in relation to the intersection upgrade works, the use of vehicles greater than 19m in length may commence.</li> </ul>
1d	Construction of the remainder of the solar farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Commencement of this stage is linked to the completion of intersection upgrade works occurring in stage 1c.</li> <li>&gt; In this stage, no high risk over-dimensional traffic movements to occur.</li> </ul>
1e	Continuation of the construction of the solar farm and the transport of remaining heavy vehicles requiring pilot vehicles during construction as described in Condition 2(a) of Schedule 3 of the development consent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Commencement of high risk over-dimensional traffic movements, subject to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– update of the TMP to reflect the outcome of consultation with Council and TfNSW; and</li> <li>– the gaining of necessary National Heavy Vehicle Regulator licenses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2	Operation of the Quorn Park Solar Farm; and	
3	Decommissioning the Quorn Park Solar Farm at end of life.	

The development of the Quorn Park Solar Farm is a key project within the EGPA portfolio, and we seek the Planning Secretary's agreement to the proposed staging as outlined above.

We look forward to your response to this request and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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