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12/09/2025

Subject: Goulburn River Solar – Out of Hours Request

Dear Ms. Kramer

I refer to your submission dated 28 August 2025, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to vary of the hours of construction activities specified in Schedule 2, Condition B17 consistent with the requirements of Schedule 2, Condition B19 of the Development Consent for Goulburn River Solar (SSD-33964533).

The Out of Hours Request sought the following extended construction hours:

- a. 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday (unchanged): and
- b. 7am to 6pm Saturday, Sunday and NSW Public Holidays

This Out of Hours Request was for the duration of construction, which is anticipated to conclude in early 2027.

I note the Out of Hours Request:

- has been prepared in consultation with TfNSW and Upper Hunter Shire Council;
- includes details of the nature of construction activities;
- include evidence of agency and community consultation;
- includes evidence that all feasible and reasonable noise mitigation measures have been put in place;
- was accompanied by a noise impact assessment;
- reduces the proposed construction duration by 12 weeks; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the request to vary of the hours of construction activities to those detailed above, **until 13 March 2026 and excludes public holidays**.

The above approval is subject to the following requirements, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary:

1. For all noise monitoring completed under the existing approval and this approval, reports are to be consistent with the requirements of Section 8.2 of the NSW Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) (DECC 2009) and include:

- a. Details on each monitoring location, including receptor number, address and a figure showing the locations;
 - b. The date and start time of each noise monitoring event;
 - c. Confirmation that each attended noise monitoring event was 15 minutes in duration;
 - d. The parameters of the results, including total LAeq and LA90 levels for each monitoring event;
 - e. The estimated site-only noise contribution for each monitoring event reported as an LAeq (15minute). If construction noise is not audible during monitoring, this should be stated;
 - f. Details of activities and equipment in use during the attended monitoring, including a figure showing the approximate location of equipment on site; and
 - g. Weather conditions including wind speed and wind direction during each monitoring event. This should be both local conditions and from the nominated site weather station.
2. Monthly attended monitoring during out of hours work at three representative receptors to be undertaken to confirm compliance with relevant limits, with records to be consistent with the requirements in (1) above.
 3. Where a complaint is received, attended monitoring should be undertaken to investigate the noise and reduce noisy activities as soon as feasibly actionable. Details of activities and equipment in use during the complaint should be identified. Where possible, attended monitoring should be conducted during similar conditions (activities/equipment) and weather conditions as those present during the complaint.
 4. If any complaint is received, appropriate mitigation measures are to be identified, and the Department and the complainant are to be informed of the measures that will be implemented to address the complaint. Should any further complaints be received regarding works in the extended construction hours, this approval to extend the works hours may be revoked by the Department.
 5. A record of any complaints made, or non-compliances identified during monitoring, regarding works undertaken during extended construction hours must be provided to the Department within 24 hours of the complaint/non-compliance.
 6. All work is to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 2, Condition B20 of the Development Consent.
 7. Heavy vehicle movements on the public road network will be limited to standard hours (weekdays 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm only);
 8. Construction for the road repairs and upgrades will be limited to standard hours (weekdays 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm only);
 9. The success of OOHW will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis. The review will include any complaints received from the community about OOHW along with the actions taken in response. The review will be provided to the Department, along with any recommendations for additional mitigations, as part of a renewed request for extended out of hours works.
 10. Lightsource bp will consult with Upper Hunter Shire Council on a three-monthly (minimum) basis. The outcomes of this consultation may result in additional controls being implemented and will contribute to the six-monthly review.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', with a stylized, cursive script.

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary