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18/08/2026

Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm – Staging Request

Dear Ms Kramer,

I refer to your original correspondence dated 17 December 2025, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to stage the Goulburn River Solar Farm Project and submit strategies, plans and programs on a staged basis in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition C3 of the Development Consent (SSD 33964533). I also acknowledge the revised staging submission dated 8 July 2026, which describes the current proposed strategy for staging of post approval documents.

The approved development consists of:

- 585 MWp solar farm and ancillary infrastructure;
- 450 MW/900 MWh Centralised BESS (Centralised BESS); and
- 480 MW/1160 MWh Decentralised BESS (DC BESS).

It is understood that Lightsource BP is seeking the Planning Secretary's approval to construct the project in the following main stages:

- construction;
- operation;
- decommissioning.

The Department has carefully reviewed the request and is satisfied it is necessary to ensure the timely and efficient delivery of the project. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to the staging of the development and submission of the management plans as shown in Table 1, subject to fulfilment of the specified requirements.

Table 1 Staging Strategy

Stage	Description	Management Plan/ Strategy Requirements (prior to commencement of stage)	Notes
CONSTRUCTION			
Stage 1a	Road upgrades (as detailed in	• Environmental Management	

	Appendix 4 of Development Consent).	Strategy • Traffic Management Plan • Biodiversity Management Plan	
Stage 1b	Construction of the Solar Farm and related ancillary infrastructure including: • site preparation works; • upgrades to local roads and culvert upgrade work; • construction of the temporary workers accommodation facility; and • construction of the site operation and maintenance facility. • construction and commissioning of the 585 MWp solar farm and associated substation and switchyard.	• Heritage Management Plan • Soil and Water Management Plan • Accommodation Camp Management Plan • Accommodation Employment Strategy • Emergency Plan	Prior to commencing construction of the solar farm, all plans/strategies must be reviewed and updated where required, to incorporate any information or details relevant to the solar farm.
Stage 1c	Construction and commissioning of the Phase 1 DC-BESS.	Fire Safety Study for DC BESS 1	Prior to commencing construction of Phase 1 DC-BESS, all plans/strategies must be reviewed and updated where required, to incorporate any information or details relevant to this stage. The Emergency Plan update will be informed by the latest FSS.
Stage 1d	Construction and commissioning of the Centralised BESS.	Fire Safety Study for Centralised BESS	Includes the construction and commissioning of Centralised BESS. The Emergency Plan update will be informed by the latest FSS.
Stage 1e	Construction and commissioning of the Phase 2 DC-BESS.	Fire Safety Study for DC BESS 2	Includes the construction and commissioning of Phase 2 DC-BESS. The Emergency Plan update will be informed by the latest FSS.
OPERATION			

Stage 2a	Operation of the Solar Farm.		Prior to commencing operation of each substage, all plans/strategies must be reviewed and updated where required, to incorporate any information or details relevant to the substage Work as Executed Plans for each substage to be submitted prior to commencing operation of each.
Stage 2b	Operation of the Phase 1 DC-BESS.		
Stage 2c	Operation of the Centralised BESS.		
Stage 2d	Operation of the Phase 2 DC-BESS.		
DECOMMISSIONING			
Stage 3	Decommissioning and rehabilitation.		Prior to carrying out any decommissioning activities on site, all strategies, plans, and programs will need to be reviewed and updated as required.

As required by Condition B31, Schedule 2, the Fire Safety Study must be approved by the Planning Secretary, including written confirmation from FRNSW that each stage of the Fire Safety Study meets the requirements, prior to the commencement of the relevant stage including the delivery, storage and/or installation of any batteries on site.

The Fire Safety Study should be progressively updated to account for each stage reflecting the final design, operational arrangement and relevant risk profile of the relevant BESS component. Please also ensure the Emergency Plan is reviewed following approval of each stage of the Fire Safety Study and updated, where required, prior to the commencement of operation of the relevant stages.

It is also noted that all management plans should be prepared, reviewed and updated in accordance with the requirements of the consent, including consultation and engagement with relevant agencies and representatives. The individual consent conditions should be referred to for the triggering of management plans which may be prior to development, impact or construction. Prior to the commencement of each stage a review should be undertaken to determine if any of the management plans need to be updated.

When preparing each management plan or strategy please clearly indicate which stage or stages of the project that the document covers. You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the plans and strategies the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

You are reminded to ensure all relevant agencies are consulted on each management plan, including any revisions as appropriate, and to ensure the relevant management plans have been approved prior to commencing each stage, consistent with the development consent.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Keren Halliday on (02) 82896444.

Yours sincerely,

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

Iwan Davies
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary