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Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-33964533): Request for extension of Planning Secretary approval for extended construction hours under Condition B17

Dear Iwan,

1. Summary of Request

Lightsource bp respectfully requests an extension of the Planning Secretary's approval to vary the permitted construction hours under Condition B17, in accordance with Condition B19 of the Development Consent SSD-33964533.

This request relates to the existing approval issued on 4 March 2026, which permits construction works to occur:

- (a) 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday
- (b) 7:00am to 6:00pm Saturday and Sunday (excluding Public Holidays).

The current approval is valid until **13 September 2026**. Lightsource bp is seeking an extension of this approval for a further six (6) months, to support the continuation of construction activities while maintaining compliance with all relevant noise management requirements.

The extended hours remain important to:

- Maintain staggered shift arrangements for the predominantly drive-in, drive-out workforce
- Support worker wellbeing and adequate rest cycles
- Improve construction scheduling and productivity
- Reduce weekday time pressure and avoid delays to critical milestones.

2. Background

The Goulburn River solar farm (GRSF) received Development Consent on 22 August 2024 for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a 550 MW solar farm.

Condition B17 restricts project works to standard construction hours, with variation only permitted through Planning Secretary approval under Condition B19.

On 12 September 2025, the Department approved extended construction hours for the project until 13 March 2026 (PA-36), subject to monitoring, consultation, and compliance requirements. The approval required that out of hours (OOH) works be reviewed on a six-monthly basis, with supporting evidence provided as part of any renewal request. A renewed Planning Secretary request was subsequently issued on 4 March 2026 until 13 September 2026 (PA-109) (**current approval**) in accordance with the requirements of PA-36. Lightsource bp are looking to extend the OOH for a further six-month period.

A copy of the previously approved OOH determination is provided in **Attachment A**.

3. Basis of Request

The project is in peak construction, with completion anticipated in early 2027, consistent with the timeframe outlined in the original request.

The extended hours have been implemented for the approved period and reviewed in accordance with the Department's requirements. Lightsource bp confirms that:

- No material additional noise impacts have been identified
- Monthly attended noise monitoring has been undertaken in accordance with the approval
- The project has remained compliant with the ICNG framework and the approved Noise management Framework
- No complaints were received in relation to OOH works during the approved timeframe
- Complaints management procedures remain active and responsive.

The extended hours have operated as anticipated, without generating adverse acoustic or community impacts.

4. Compliance with the current determination

Approval was granted from the Planning Secretary subject to a number of requirements being met. Table 1 demonstrates compliance against each condition of the determination.

Table 1: Compliance against SSD-33964533-PA-109 approval conditions

No.	Requirement	Response
1.	Noise Monitoring Reports	Noise monitoring reports have been prepared in accordance with Section 8.2 of the <i>NSW Interim Construction Noise Guideline</i> (ICNG) (DECC 2009). Reports include details on the monitoring location, duration, $L_{Aeq}(15min)$ and L_{A90} results, activities

No.	Requirement	Response
		being undertaken, equipment in use, and meteorological conditions. Refer to Attachment B .
2.	Monthly attended noise monitoring	Attending noise monitoring was undertaken between February 2026 and July 2026 at representative boundary and receiver locations. Measured noise levels during attended monitoring were generally consistent with rural background conditions. Dominant noise sources were typically natural background noise (including wind and fauna) and intermittent vehicle movements, with construction activity frequently not audible at the monitoring locations.
3.	Monitoring in response to a complaint	No complaints relating to OOH works were received during the approved period. No additional complaint-triggered monitoring was required. The following engagement activities have occurred to facilitate community feedback and complaints (following approval for OOH works): • Distribution of a Keeping You Informed slip about the extended hours, ahead of OOH works commencing (September 2025), to approximately 230 locations (covering Ringwood/Wollara Road, its identified side streets, and the Post Office boxes at Merriwa Post Office) • Briefing with key stakeholders on the changes to construction hours before wider community distribution. • Copies of the Keeping You Informed were made available at the September 2025 "Community Coffee and Cake Connect" drop-in session, in Merriwa. • Details about the extended hours have been included in monthly community newsletters • Details for the complaint management process, including how to make a complaint, are included in the monthly newsletters and also available on the Lightsource bp website.
4.	Mitigations in response to a complaint	No complaints were received. Standard mitigation measures under the Noise Management Framework remained in place throughout the approval period.
5.	Complaints and Non-Compliance Records	No complaints were made, and no non-compliances were identified during attended monitoring or in relation to OOH works.
6.	Compliance with B20	All works were undertaken in accordance with the approved Noise Management Framework and Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan. No incidents or non-compliances were identified against Condition B20 during the approval period.
7.	Heavy Vehicle movements restricted to standard construction hours only	Heavy vehicle movements accessing site on the public road network remained limited to standard construction hours.
8.	Road upgrade works restricted to standard construction hours only	Road repair works were undertaken during standard construction hours only. Road upgrades were completed in December 2025.
9.	Six-monthly review	This document constitutes the required six-monthly review.

No.	Requirement	Response
10.	Three-monthly consultation with Upper Hunter Shire Council	Consultation was undertaken with Upper Hunter Shire Council on 29 June 2026, as well as 7 August 2026 (evidence included as part of this request). No concerns or additional information requests were received.

5. Complaints

No complaints have been received in relation to OOH works during the approved period. The project continues to implement the mitigation measures outlined in the approved Noise Management Framework and will maintain real-time monitoring, attended monitoring and a responsive complaints management throughout any extended OOH periods.

6. Proposed amendment to extended construction hours approval

The current approval (PA-109) states under Requirement 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).”

Lightsource bp requests an amendment to Requirement 7 to clarify the application of this restriction. The current wording may be interpreted as requiring project-related heavy vehicles to complete their entire journey on the public road network within the specified hours. In practice, a heavy vehicle may be travelling to site before the permitted hours or may depart the site within the permitted hours but remain on the public road network afterwards.

Lightsource bp therefore requests that the restriction apply to the time heavy vehicles arrive at or depart the project site, providing a clear compliance point while maintaining the intent of the restriction. The following wording is proposed:

“Project-related heavy vehicles arriving or departing from the project site will be limited to standard hours (weekdays 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm only). For clarity, heavy vehicles may travel on the public road network outside these hours, provided they arrive at or depart the project site within permitted hours.”

7. Consultation

Consultation was undertaken with Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC) on 7 August 2026 and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on 14 August 2026 regarding the proposed six-month extension to the approved OOH construction works. No objections were received and UHSC responded in support.

Copies of consultation correspondence are provided in **Attachment C**.

8. Conclusion

Based on the monitoring outcomes and compliance demonstrated above, the extended construction hours have operated as approved and have not resulted in material additional noise or community impacts.

Lightsource bp respectfully requests the Planning Secretary's written approval to extend the existing variation to construction hours under Condition B19 for a further six (6) months, to **13 March 2027**.

We also request that the wording in the approval relating to heavy vehicle movements on the public road network be amended to: *Project-related heavy vehicles arriving or departing from the project site will be limited to standard hours (weekdays 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm only) . For clarity, heavy vehicles may travel on the public road network outside these hours, provided they arrive at or depart the project site within permitted hours.*

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss any of the items presented in this request.

Sincerely,

Beth Kramer
Principal Environmental Planner, Lightsource bp
0428 379 894

Cc: Glenn Tilley (Senior Project Manager)

Attachment A – Approved OOH (PA-36 and PA-109)

Elisabeth Kramer
Principal Environmental Planner
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Level 29, 420 George Street
Sydney, NSW, 2000

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

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Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Beth Kramer
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04/03/2026

Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm – Out of Hours Request 2

Dear Ms Kramer,

I refer to your submission dated 19 January 2026, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to vary 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). Approval to extend the hours of construction to 13 March 2026 was originally given by the Planning Secretary on 12 September 2025.

This request is seeking to continue the following extended construction hours:

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

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 community consultation;
- includes evidence that all feasible and reasonable noise mitigation measures have been put in place;
- was accompanied by results of attended noise monitoring;
- no complaints were received in the previous period relating to out of hours work;
- will reduce 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 September 2026, excluding public holidays**.

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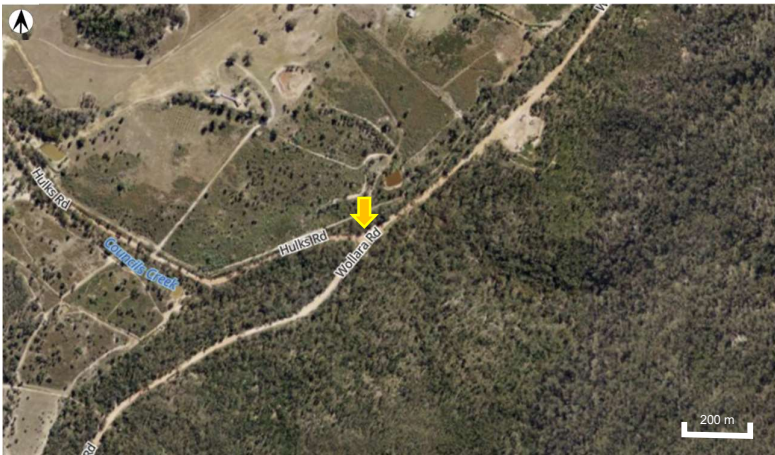
Attachment B – Noise Monitoring Reports

Attended Verification Noise Monitoring

Section 1 – Instrument & Work Details

Instrument:	Type 1 Sound Level Meter	Serial Number:	103442
Make:	Svantek	Model:	SVAN-971
Calibration Records:	ACU-VIB Electronics	Calibration Date:	19/01/2026 (NATA accredited) 14/02/2026 (in-field)
Person Conducting:	Rachel Soh	Monitoring Date:	14/02/2026
Description of on-site work activity:			
1. Piling works on Stage 7 2. Mechanical installation 3. Civil works and fence installation			

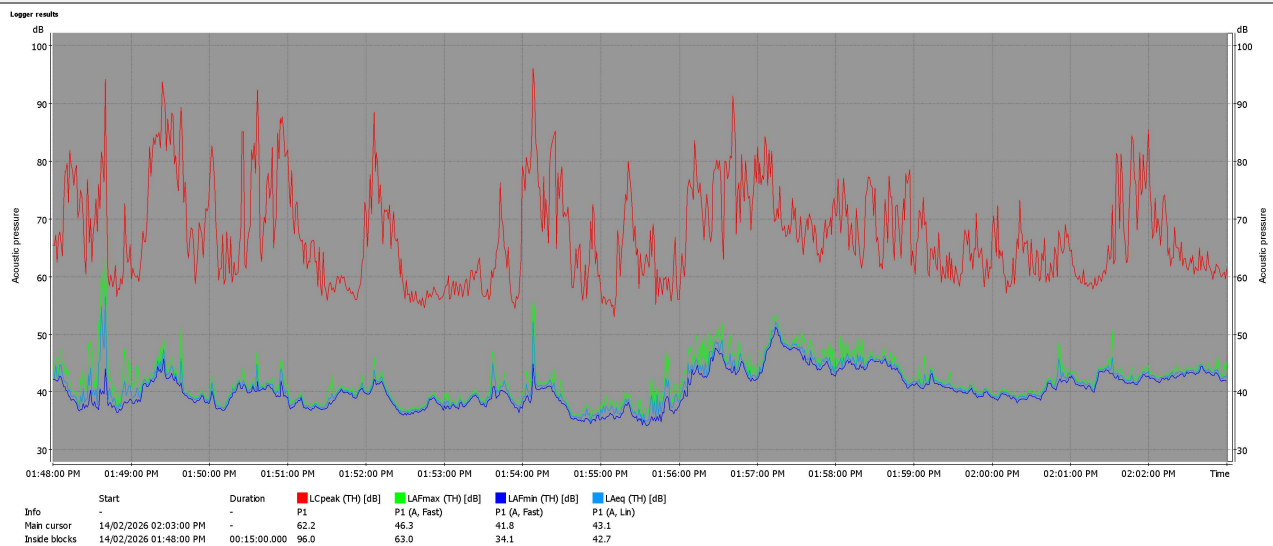
Section 2 – Summary & Results

Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd			
Location:	Hulks Rd and Wollara Rd Intersection (-32.2340718, 150.1201516)		
Start Time:	01:48 PM	End Time:	02:03 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	24.6	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	23.2
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	01:46 PM	Post-calibration:	02:04 PM
Description of noise environment:		The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 1 kilometre to the north and 700 metres to the south of the monitoring location.	
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)			
		 Monitoring location	
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes			
External noise was predominantly from strong winds and loud birds. During the monitoring period, there were no vehicles passing the road and no construction noise can be heard.			
Monitoring Photos			

Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd



Results



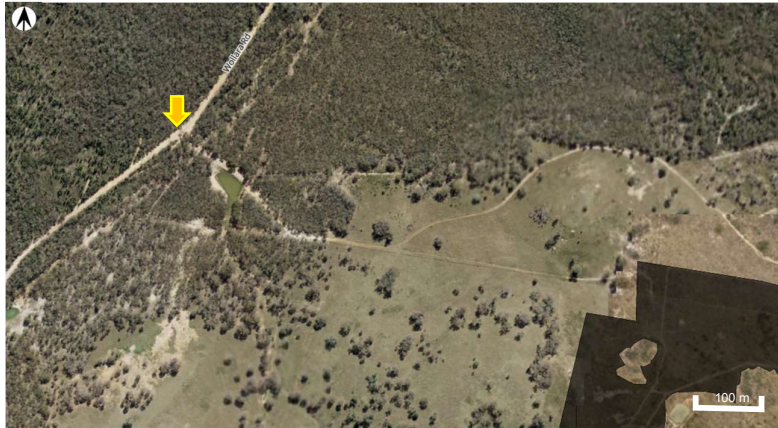
LAeq (15 min): **42.7 dBA**

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary

Location:	Northern Emergency Access (-32.2580232,150.1005470)		
Start Time:	02:12 PM	End Time:	02:27 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	28.9	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	23.2
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	02:10 PM	Post-calibration:	02:28 PM
Description of noise environment:	Surrounded by the Goulburn River National Park forest. Approximately 2.7 kilometres south of the nearest sensitive receiver.		

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary

Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)



	Monitoring location
	Development footprint

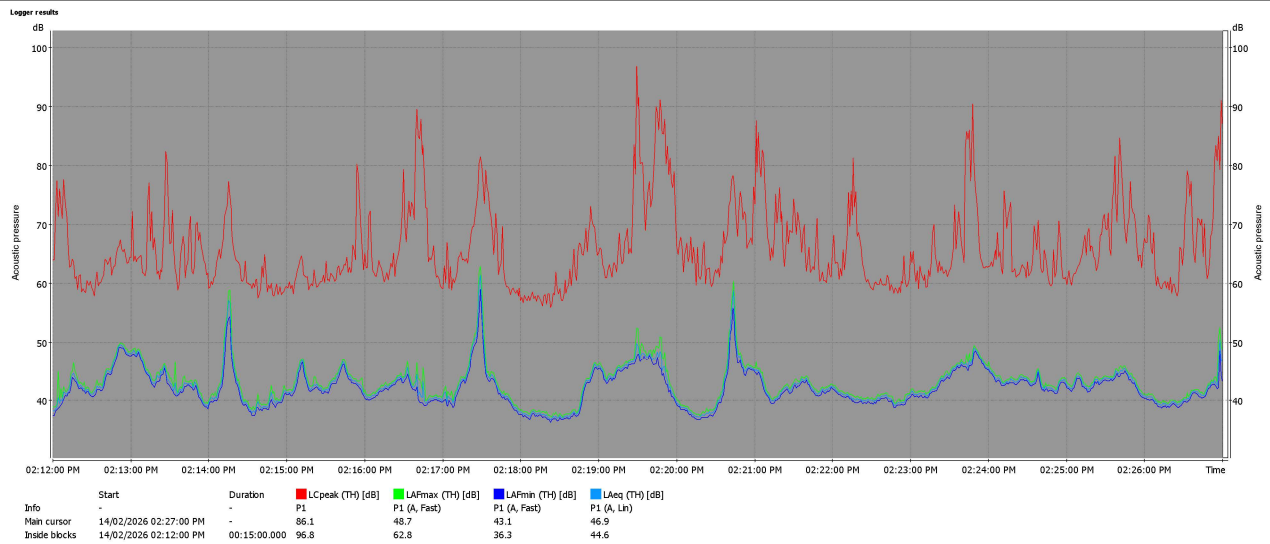
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During the monitoring period, there were strong gusts of wind up to 42.6km/h. Summary of noise events:

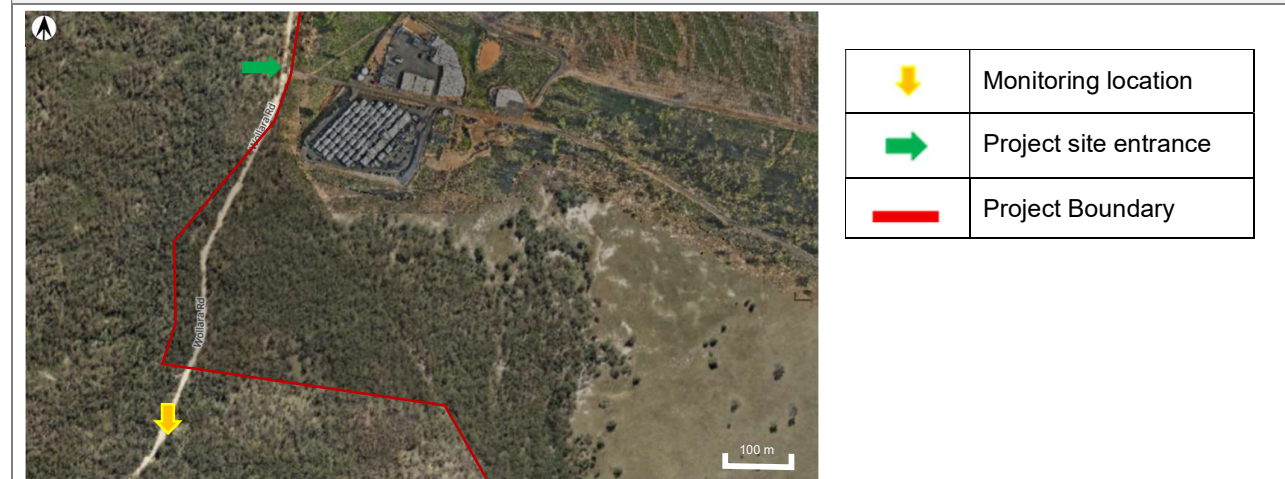
- 02:12 PM – high wind speed
- 02:14 PM – site vehicle passing in bound
- 02:17 PM – vehicle passing in bound
- 02:20 PM – vehicle passing out bound

Monitoring Photos

Results

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary

LAeq (15-min): 44.6 dBA
Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary

Location:	Wollara Rd (-32.291000, 150.069000)		
Start Time:	02:38 PM	End Time:	02:53 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	29.8	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	23.8
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	02:36 PM	Post-calibration:	02:53 PM
Description of noise environment:	The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 5.1 kilometres to the south of the project site.		

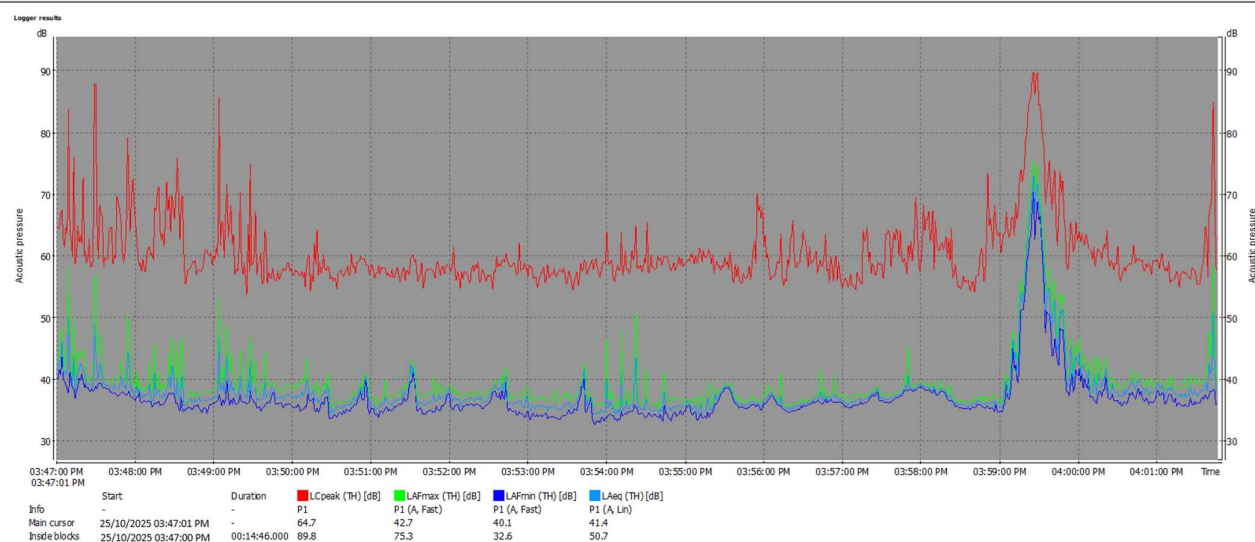
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)


Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During monitoring, strong winds persists up to 45.2 km/h. Construction activities reduced as mechanical installation works had completed by 2PM. Recorded noise events were limited to intermittent vehicle movements on nearby roads. Summary of observed external noise events:

- 02:38 PM – site vehicle passing outbound
- 02:40 PM – site vehicle passing outbound
- 02:45 PM – constant birds chirping
- 02:50 PM – car passing in bound

Monitoring Photos

Results


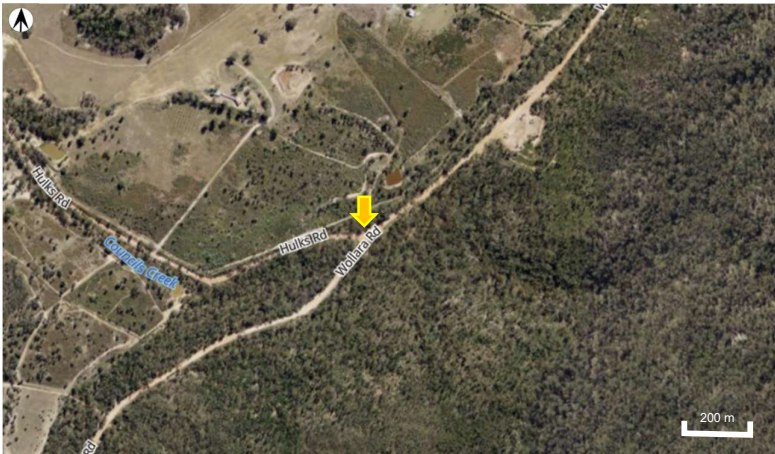
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Attended Verification Noise Monitoring

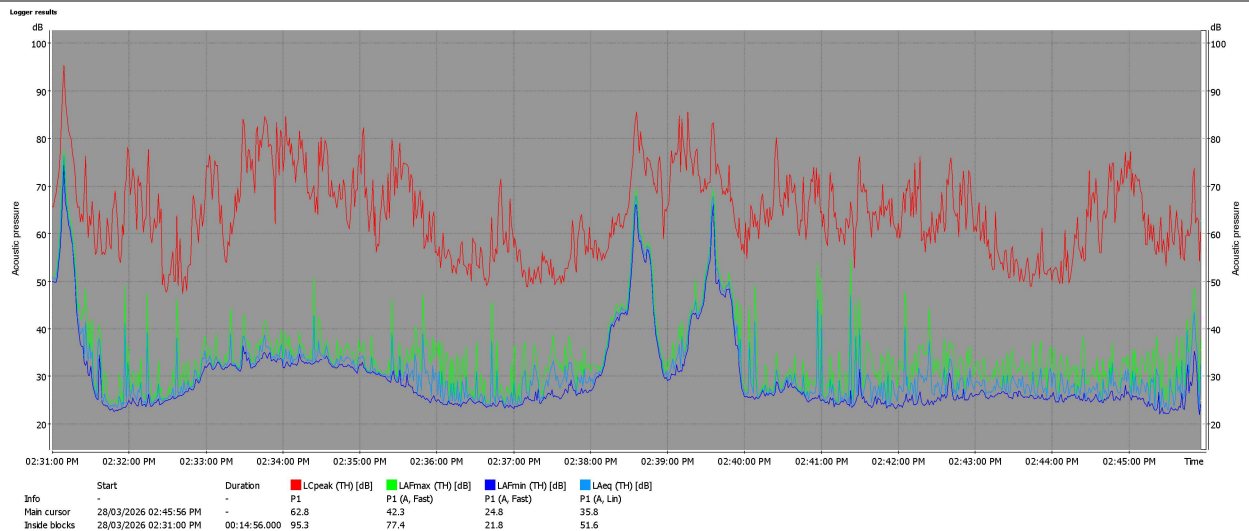
Section 1 – Instrument & Work Details

Instrument:	Type 1 Sound Level Meter	Serial Number:	103442
Make:	Svantek	Model:	SVAN-971
Calibration Records:	ACU-VIB Electronics	Calibration Date:	19/01/2026 (NATA accredited) 28/03/2026 (in-field)
Person Conducting:	Rachel Soh	Monitoring Date:	28/03/2026
Description of on-site work activity:			
1. Logistics works at central laydown 2. Olympic Fencing installing fencing 3. Solar Farm Constructions conducting piling works at Stage 2, 6, 7 and 8 4. All Energy Company conducting electrical works at stage 2 including trenching and PCU pads 5. United Infrastructure conducting bulk earthworks at Stage 4, 5, 6 and 7			

Section 2 – Summary & Results

Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd			
Location:	Hulks Rd and Wollara Rd Intersection (-32.2340718, 150.1201516)		
Start Time:	02.31 PM	End Time:	02:46 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	4.9	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	21.3
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	02.28 PM	Post-calibration:	02:47 PM
Description of noise environment:		The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 1 kilometre to the north and 700 metres to the south of the monitoring location.	
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)			
		 Monitoring location	
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes			
the monitoring period, there were vehicles passing the road and no construction noise can be heard. Summary of passing vehicles:			
1431 – car passing inbound 1438 – car passing inbound 1440 – car passing inbound			

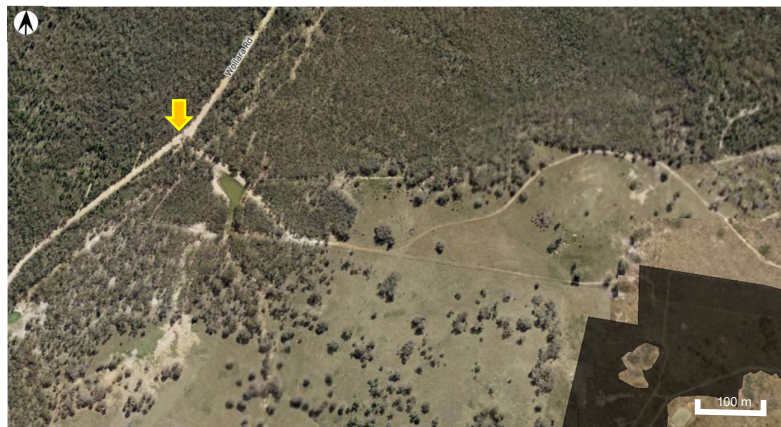
Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd
Monitoring Photos

Results

LAeq (15 min): 51.6 dBA
Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary

Location:	Northern Emergency Access (-32.2580232,150.1005470)		
Start Time:	02:55 PM	End Time:	03:10 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	7.5	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	22.0
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	02:53 PM	Post-calibration:	03:11 PM
Description of noise environment:	Surrounded by the Goulburn River National Park forest. Approximately 2.7 kilometres south of the nearest sensitive receiver.		

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary

Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)



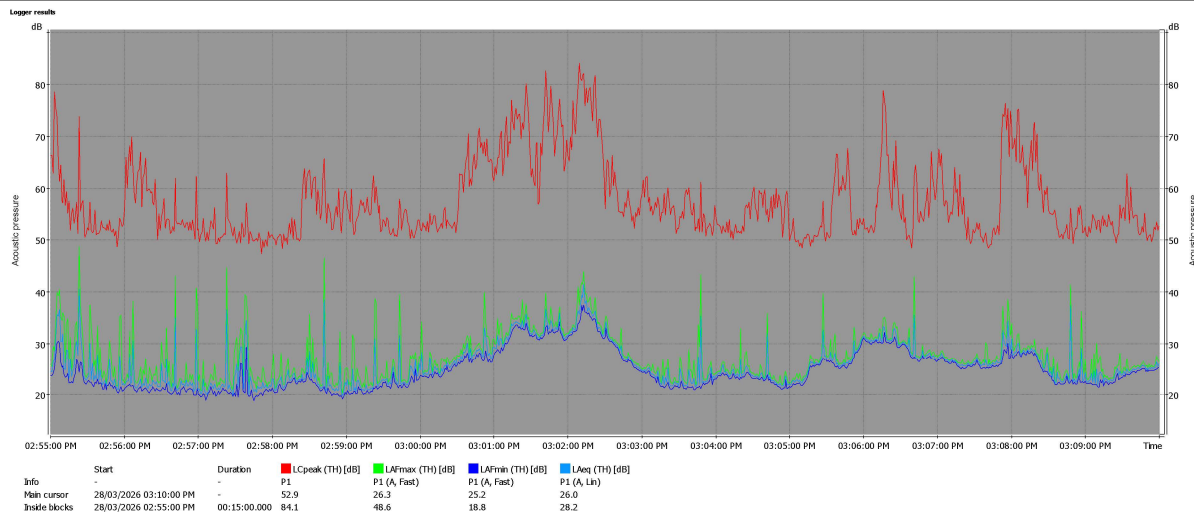
	Monitoring location
	Development footprint

Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During the monitoring period, there were no external noise that was noted. The overall environment was quiet, and no sounds of fauna can be heard. Wind speeds were low to moderate.

Monitoring Photos

Results

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary


LAeq (15-min): **28.2 dBA**

Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary

Location:	Wollara Rd (-32.291000, 150.069000)		
Start Time:	03:35 PM	End Time:	03:50 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	8.7	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	21.9
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	03.20 PM	Post-calibration:	03.37 PM
Description of noise environment:	The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 5.1 kilometres to the south of the project site.		

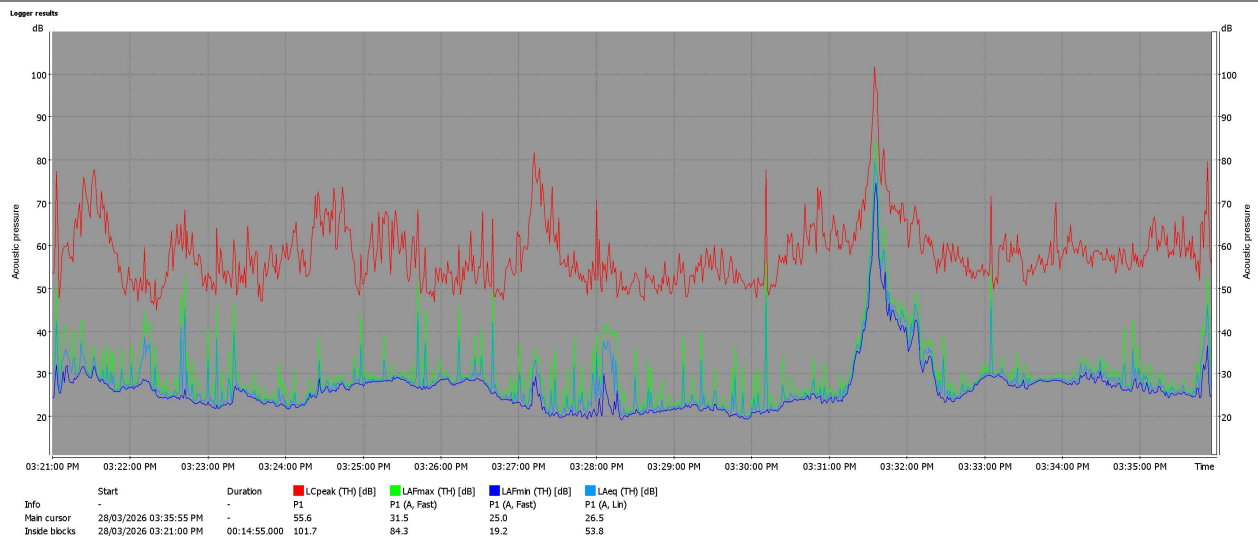
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)


	Monitoring location
	Project site entrance
	Project Boundary

Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During monitoring, there was only one car passing the road outbound from the solar farm towards Mudgee. No other external noises observed. Light sounds of birds and other fauna can be heard.

Monitoring Photos

Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary**Results****LAeq (15 min): 53.8 dBA**

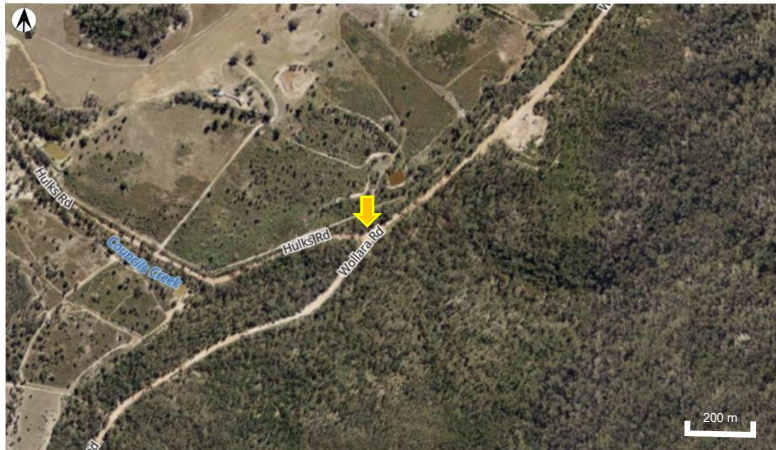
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Person Conducting:	Rachel Soh	Monitoring Date:	11/04/2026
Description of on-site work activity:			
1. Logistics works at central laydown including FMR preparations, inverter visor installs and cleanup works 2. Olympic Fencing conducting erosion and sediment control works building sediment traps and bunds 3. Solar Farm Constructions conducting piling works at Stage 2, 6, 7 and 8 4. All Energy Company conducting electrical works at stage 2 including trenching and PCU pads 5. United Infrastructure conducting bulk earthworks at Stage 4, 5, 6 and 7			

Section 2 – Summary & Results

Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd			
Location:	Hulks Rd and Wollara Rd Intersection (-32.2340718, 150.1201516)		
Start Time:	02.22 PM	End Time:	02.37 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	16.2	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	22.3
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	02.19 PM	Post-calibration:	02:38 PM
Description of noise environment:		The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 1 kilometre to the north and 700 metres to the south of the monitoring location.	
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)			





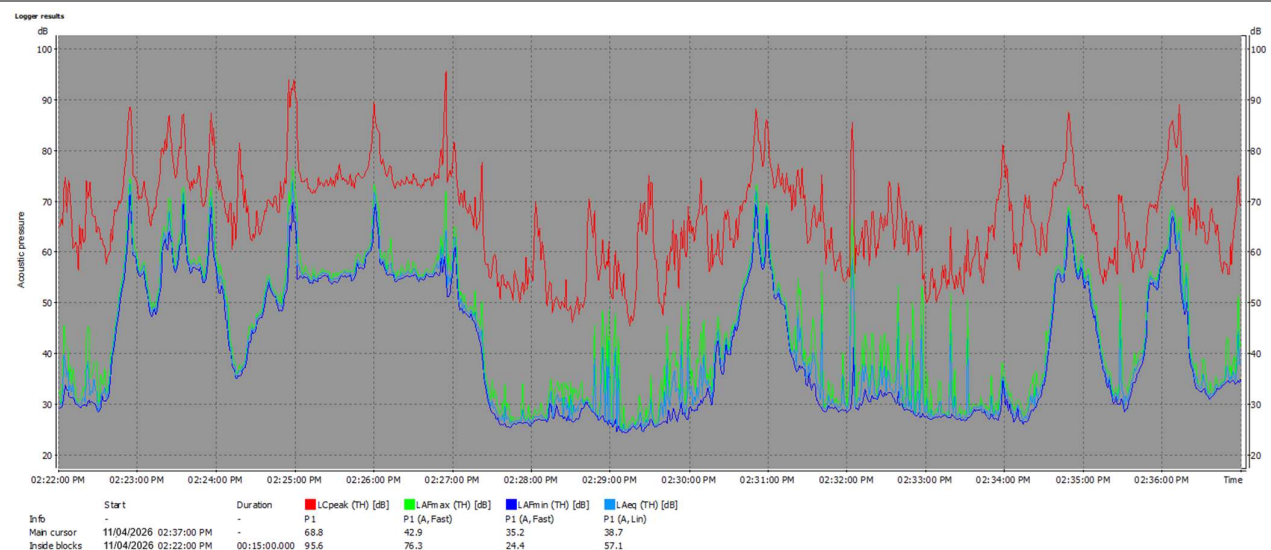
Monitoring location

Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

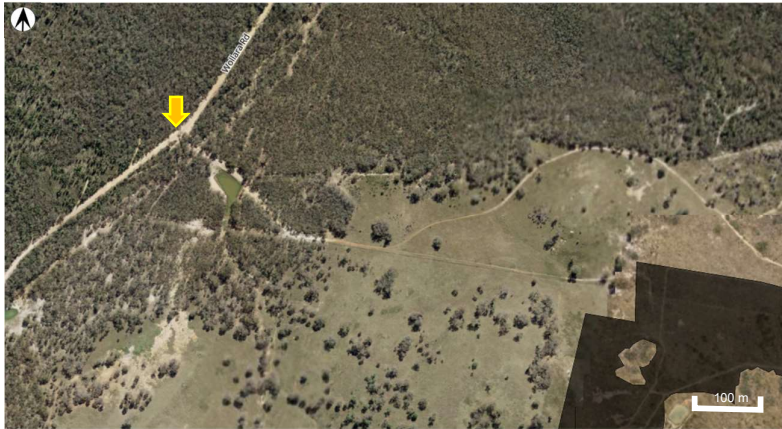
the monitoring period, there were multiple vehicles that were passing the road. The overall noise is predominantly from vehicles passing. Construction noise cannot be heard from the noise monitoring source. Summary of passing vehicles:

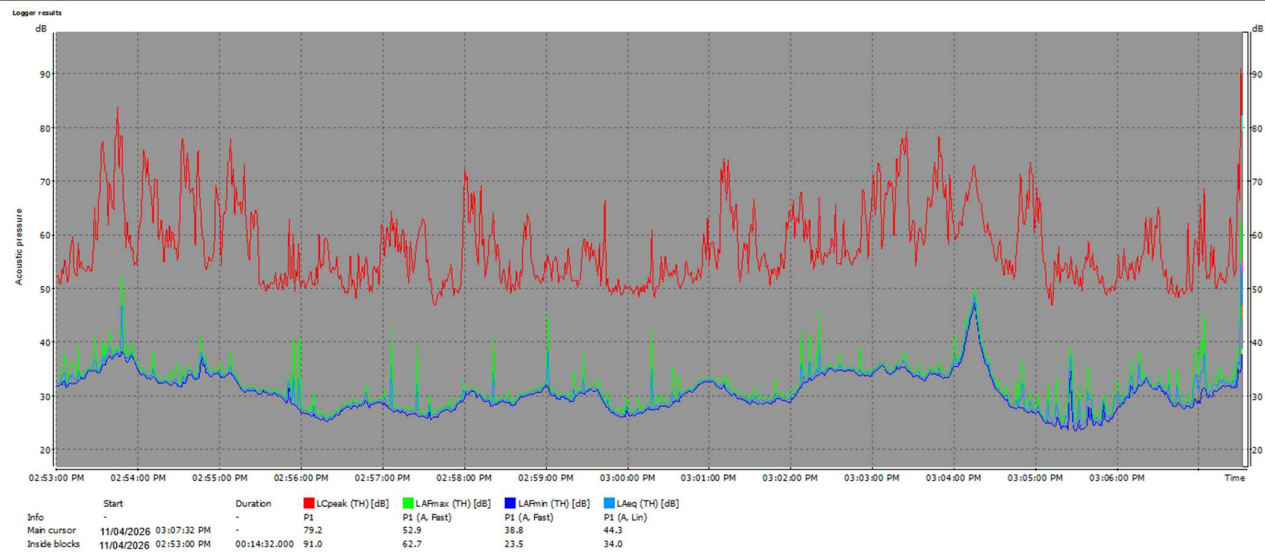
- 1423 – LV passing outbound
- 1424 – LV exiting Hulks Rd and two light vehicles passing in bound and outbound from the solar farm
- 1426 – LV idling
- 1427 – LV entering Hulks Rd
- 1431 – LV passing inbound and car passing outbound
- 1435 – car passing outbound
- 1436 – LV entering Hulks Rd

Monitoring Photos

Results


LAeq (15 min): 57.1 dBA

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary							
Location:	Northern Emergency Access (-32.2580232, 150.1005470)						
Start Time:	02:53 PM	End Time:	03:08 PM				
Wind speed (km/h):	15.5	Wind Direction:	WSW				
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	22.7				
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement				
Pre-calibration time:	02:52 PM	Post-calibration:	03:11 PM				
Description of noise environment:		Surrounded by the Goulburn River National Park forest. Approximately 2.7 kilometres south of the nearest sensitive receiver.					
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)							
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Monitoring Comments / Field Notes							
During the monitoring period, there were no external noise that was noted apart from one car passing outbound from the solar farm. The overall environment was quiet, and no sounds of fauna can be heard. Wind speeds were low to moderate.							
Monitoring Photos							
							
Results							

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary

LAeq (15-min): 34.0 dBA
Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary

Location:	Wollara Rd (-32.291000, 150.069000)		
Start Time:	04:32 PM	End Time:	04:47 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	18.0	Wind Direction:	WSW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	21.6
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	04.29 PM	Post-calibration:	04.48 PM
Description of noise environment:	The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 5.1 kilometres to the south of the project site.		

Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)


	Monitoring location
	Project site entrance
	Project Boundary

Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During monitoring, there was only one car passing the road outbound from the solar farm towards Mudgee. No other external noises observed. Light sounds of birds and other fauna can be heard.

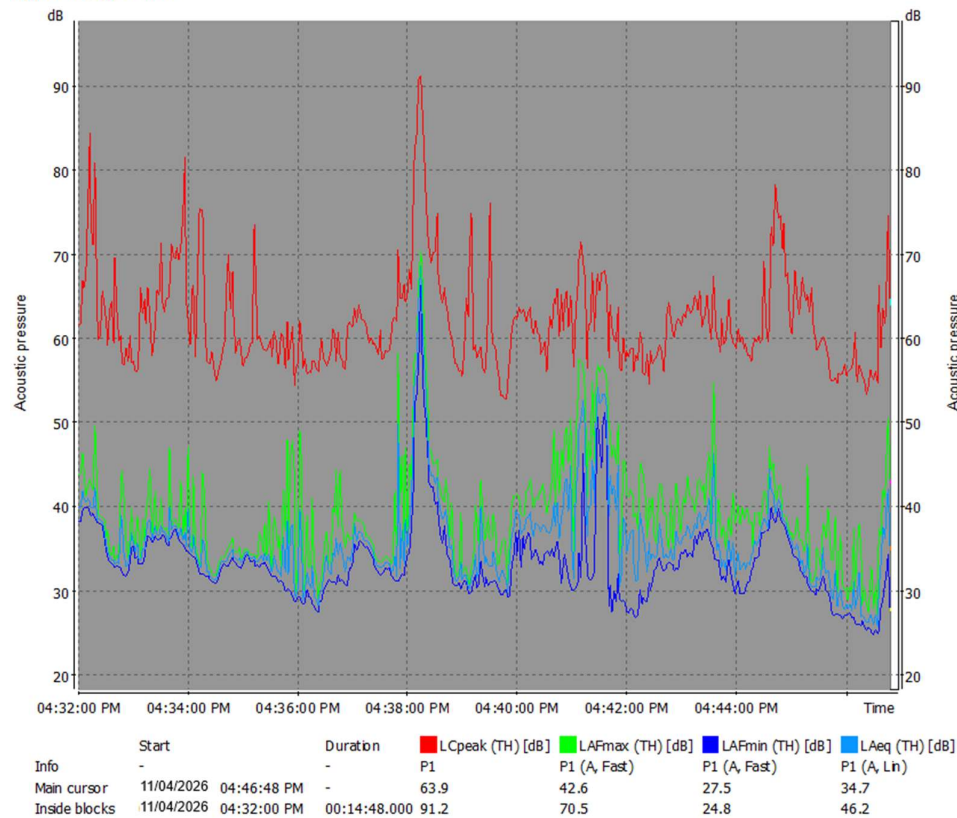
Monitoring Photos

Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary



Results

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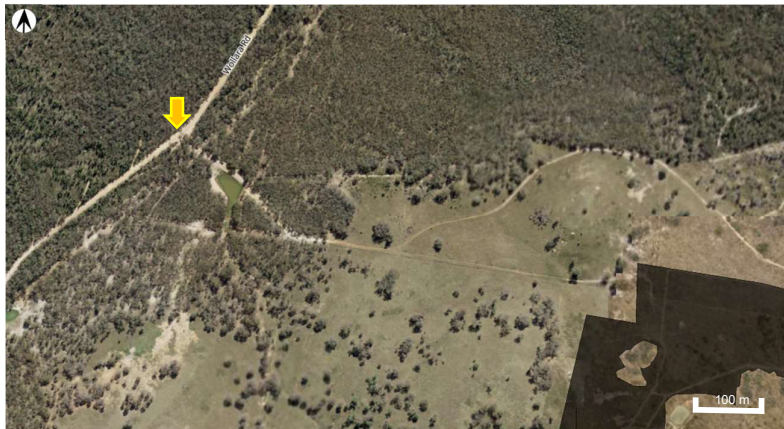
LAeq (15 min): **46.2 dBA**

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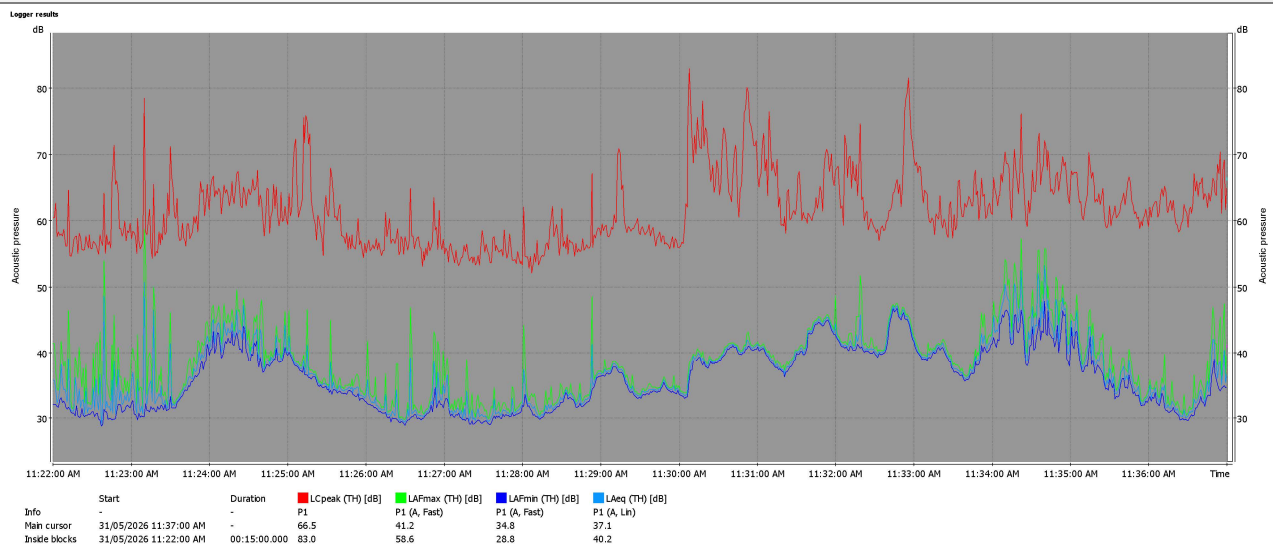
Section 1 – Instrument & Work Details

Instrument:	Type 1 Sound Level Meter	Serial Number:	103442
Make:	Svantek	Model:	SVAN-971
Calibration Records:	ACU-VIB Electronics	Calibration Date:	19/01/2026 (NATA accredited) 31/05/2026 (in-field)
Person Conducting:	Rachel Soh	Monitoring Date:	31/05/2026
Description of on-site work activity:			
Minimal activities onsite due to wet weather during the week. Summary of work activity: - SFC drilling at various locations within Stage 3 and 8 - Olympic Fencing rectifying erosion and sediment controls - Aone Earthworks moving topsoil stockpile from entrance and fuel farm to Stage 3 - Matic conducting formwork and concrete pour on PCS pads			

Section 2 – Summary & Results

Monitoring Location 1 – Construction Boundary							
Location:	Northern Emergency Access (-32.2580232,150.1005470)						
Start Time:	10:22 AM	End Time:	10:37 AM				
Wind speed (km/h):	17.7	Wind Direction:	SW				
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	13				
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement				
Pre-calibration time:	10:19 AM	Post-calibration:	10:38 AM				
Description of noise environment:		Surrounded by the Goulburn River National Park forest. Approximately 2.7 kilometres south of the nearest sensitive receiver.					
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)							
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Monitoring Comments / Field Notes							
During the monitoring period, no construction related noise can be heard at the nominated location. Field summary notes as below:							
10:22 AM – loud birds 10:24 AM – distant plane sound from the northeast 10:31 AM – distant car sound							
Monitoring Photos							

Monitoring Location 1 – Construction Boundary

Results


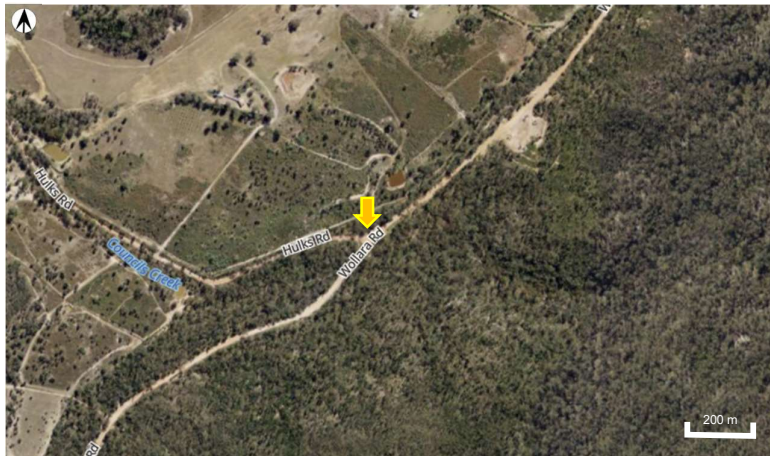
LAeq (15-min): **40.2 dBA**

Monitoring Location 2 – Hulks Rd

Location:	Hulks Rd and Wollara Rd Intersection (-32.2340718, 150.1201516)		
Start Time:	10:46 AM	End Time:	11:01 AM
Wind speed (km/h):	17.7	Wind Direction:	SW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	13
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	10:44 AM	Post-calibration:	12:02 PM
Description of noise environment:	The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 1 kilometre to the north and 700 metres to the south of the monitoring location.		

Monitoring Location 2 – Hulks Rd

Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)



Monitoring location

Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

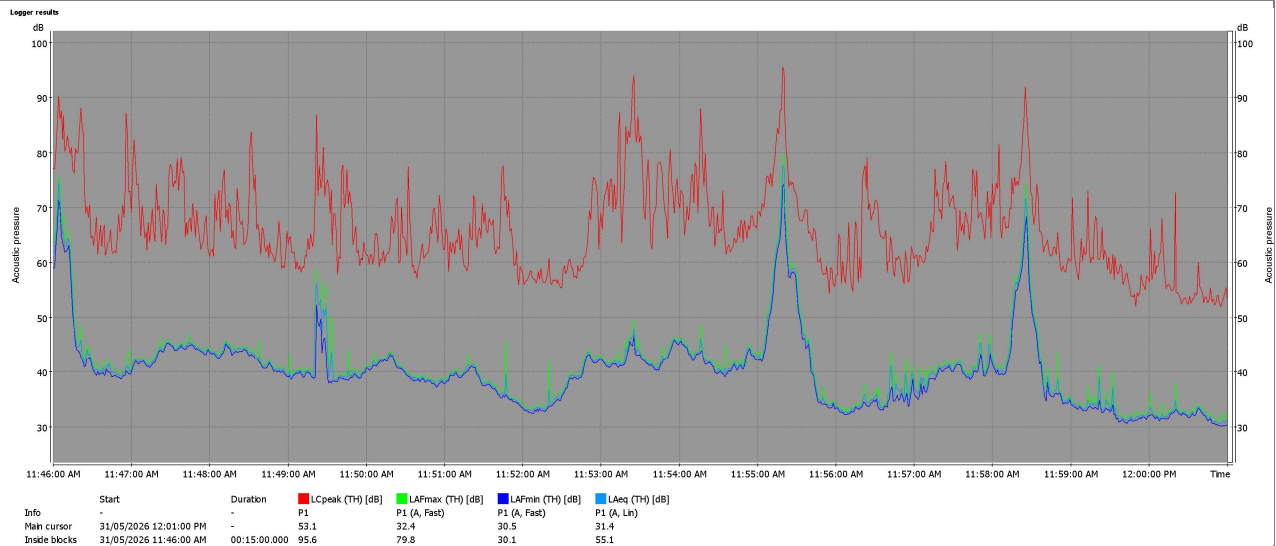
the monitoring period, there were multiple vehicles that were passing the road. The overall noise is predominantly from vehicles passing and construction noise cannot be heard from the noise monitoring source. Summary of field notes:

- 10:46 AM – car passing inbound
- 10:50 AM – birds chirping
- 10:56 AM – car with trailer passing outbound
- 10:59 AM – car passing outbound

Monitoring Photos

Results

Monitoring Location 2 – Hulks Rd

LAeq (15 min): **55.1 dBA**

Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary

Location:	Wollara Rd (-32.291000, 150.069000)		
Start Time:	11:18 AM	End Time:	11:33 AM
Wind speed (km/h):	11.3	Wind Direction:	SW
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	13.4
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	11:15 AM	Post-calibration:	11:33 AM
Description of noise environment:		The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 5.1 kilometres to the south of the project site.	

Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)



	Monitoring location
	Project site entrance
	Project Boundary

Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During the monitoring, only external noise can be heard at the source. No piling, drilling or any other construction related noise observed. Summary of field notes:

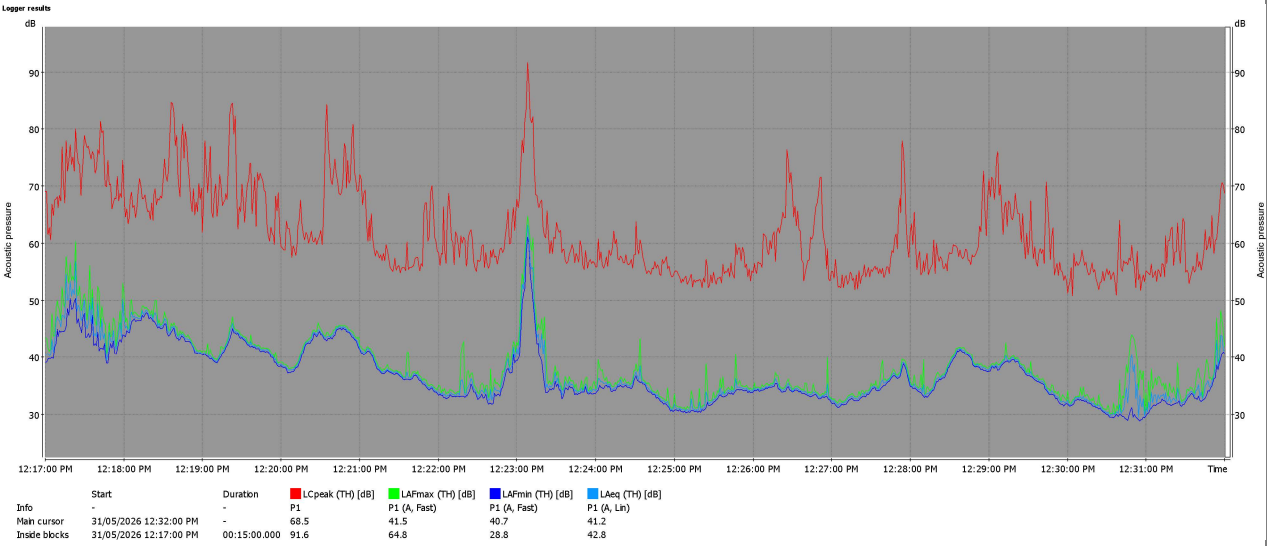
- 11:18 AM – plane sound
- 11:33 AM – car passing outbound towards Mudgee

Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary

Monitoring Photos



Results



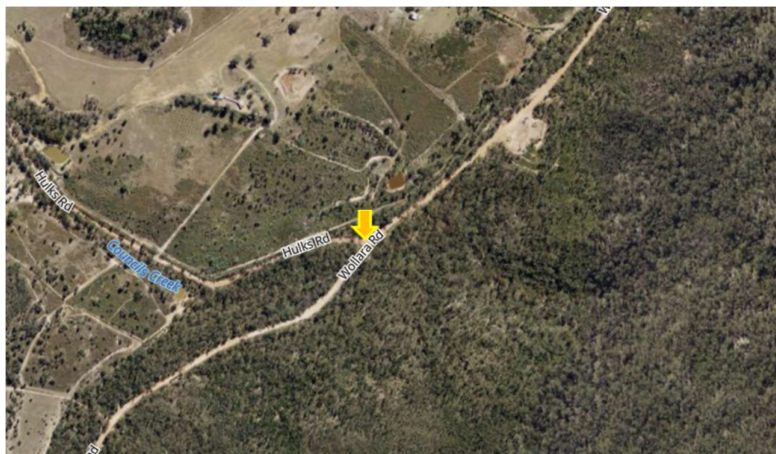
LAeq (15 min): 42.8 dBA

Attended Verification Noise Monitoring

Section 1 – Instrument & Work Details

Instrument:	Type 1 Sound Level Meter	Serial Number:	103442
Make:	Svantek	Model:	SVAN-971
Calibration Records:	ACU-VIB Electronics	Calibration Date:	19/01/2026 (NATA accredited) 20/06/2026 (in-field)
Person Conducting:	Rachel Soh	Monitoring Date:	20/06/2026
Description of on-site work activity:			
Summary of work activity: 1. Aone conducting bulk earthworks Stage 1, 2, 3 and 8 2. Russells conducting earthworks sitewide 3. Remondis conducting waste management 4. AEC conducting PSU trenching and backfill including conduit install in Stages 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 5. Solar Farm Constructions conducting piling works sitewide			

Section 2 – Summary & Results

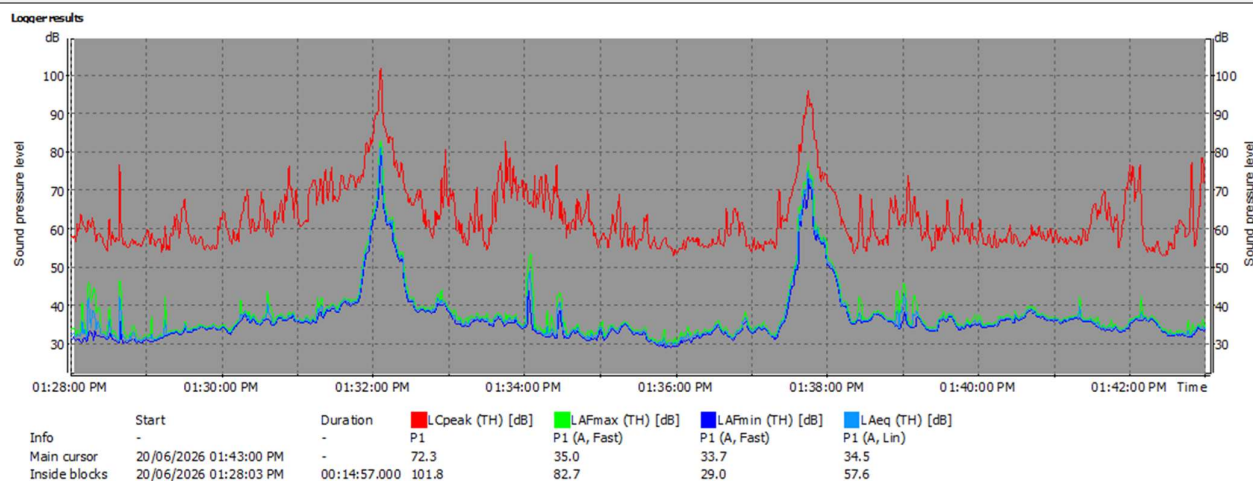
Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd							
Location:	Hulks Rd and Wollara Rd Intersection (-32.2340718, 150.1201516)						
Start Time:	01:28 PM	End Time:	01:43 PM				
Wind speed (km/h):	15.1	Wind Direction:	W				
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	14.8				
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement				
Pre-calibration time:	01:25 PM	Post-calibration:	01:45 PM				
Description of noise environment:		The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 1 kilometre to the north and 700 metres to the south of the monitoring location.					
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Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During the monitoring period, no construction related noise can be heard at the nominated location. Field summary notes as below:

- 1:30 PM – Distant honk & engine
- 1:31 PM – Truck and dog passing outbound
- 1:33 PM – Distant engine sound
- 1:37 PM – Car passing outbound from hulks road

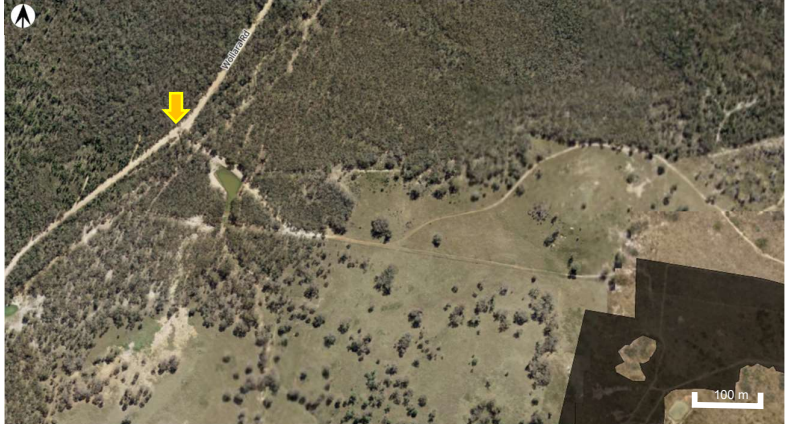
Monitoring Photos

Results


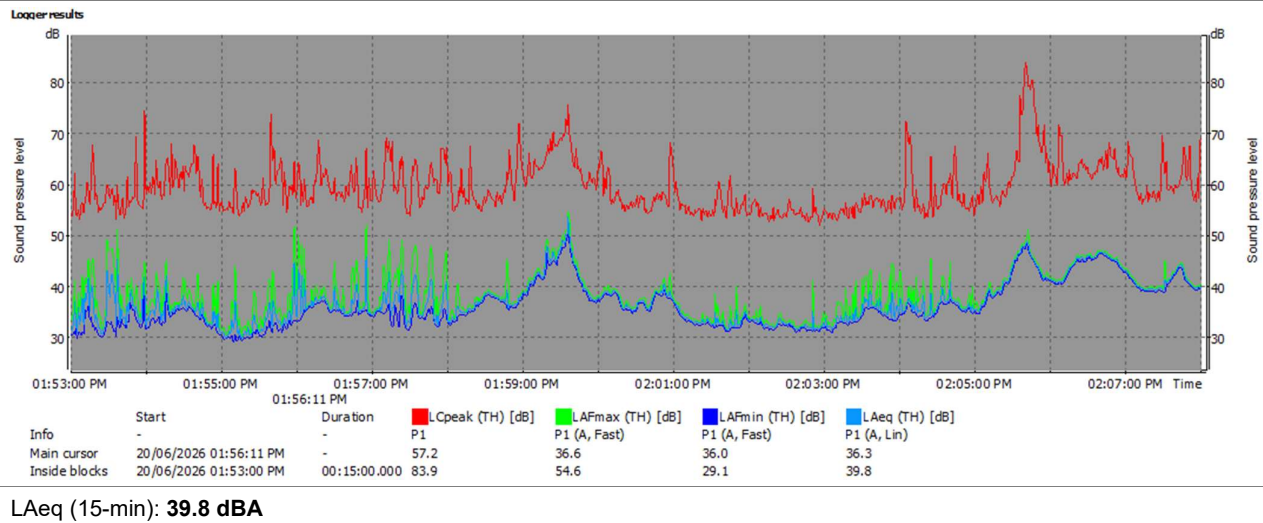
LAeq (15 min): 57.6 dBA

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary

Location:	Northern Emergency Access (-32.2580232,150.1005470)		
Start Time:	01:53 PM	End Time:	02:07 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	13.2	Wind Direction:	SW

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary							
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	14.6				
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement				
Pre-calibration time:	01:51 PM	Post-calibration:	02:09 PM				
Description of noise environment:		Surrounded by the Goulburn River National Park forest. Approximately 2.7 kilometres south of the nearest sensitive receiver.					
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)							
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Monitoring Comments / Field Notes							
During the monitoring period, no construction related noise can be heard at the nominated location. Field summary notes as below: • 1:53 PM – Bird noises • 1:59 PM – Car passing outbound • 2:05 PM – Strong wind gust • 2:33 PM – Vehicle outbound from GRSF							
Monitoring Photos							
							
Results							

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary



Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary

Location:	Wollara Rd (-32.291000, 150.069000)		
Start Time:	02:19 PM	End Time:	02:33 PM
Wind speed (km/h):	10.9	Wind Direction:	W
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	14.5
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement
Pre-calibration time:	02:17 PM	Post-calibration:	02:35 PM
Description of noise environment:	The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 5.1 kilometres to the south of the project site.		

Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)



Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During the monitoring, only external noise can be heard at the source. No piling, drilling or any other construction related noise observed. Summary of field notes:

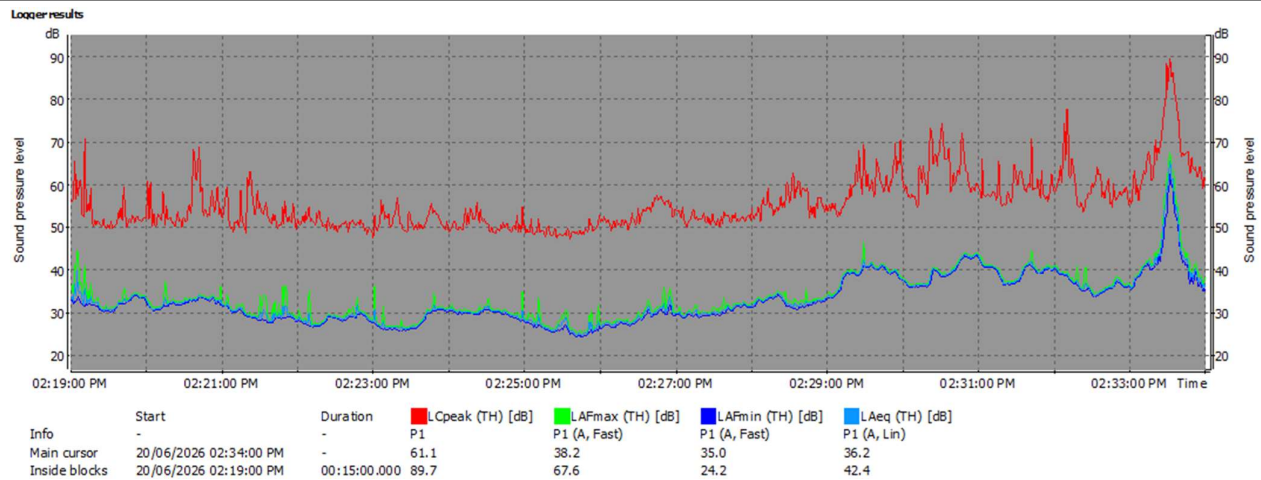
- Only fauna can be heard

Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary

Monitoring Photos



Results



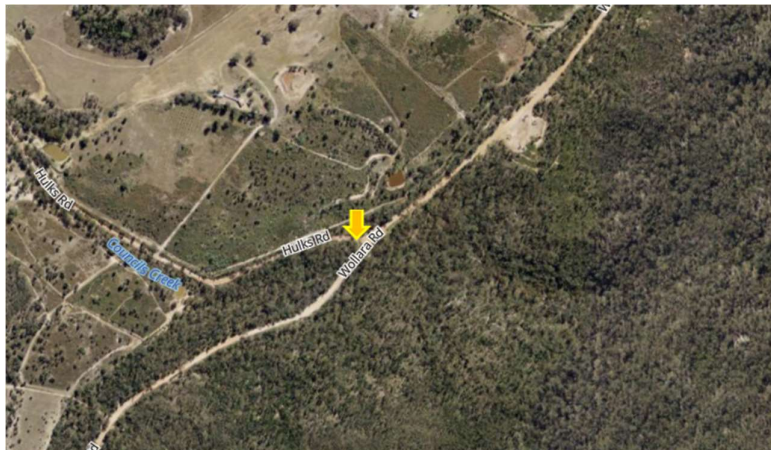
LAeq (15 min): **42.4 dBA**

Attended Verification Noise Monitoring

Section 1 – Instrument & Work Details

Instrument:	Type 1 Sound Level Meter	Serial Number:	103442
Make:	Svantek	Model:	SVAN-971
Calibration Records:	ACU-VIB Electronics	Calibration Dates:	19/01/2026 (NATA accredited) 18/07/2026 (in-field)
Person Conducting:	Hayley Mather/Ben Hamilton	Monitoring Date:	18/07/2026
Description of on-site work activity:			
Summary of work activity:			
1. Aone conducting bulk earthworks Stage 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 2. Russells conducting earthworks sitewide 3. Remondis conducting waste management 4. AEC conducting PSU trenching and backfill including conduit install in Stages 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 5. Solar Farm Constructions conducting piling works sitewide			

Section 2 – Summary & Results

Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd							
Location:		Hulks Rd and Wollara Rd Intersection (-32.2340718, 150.1201516)					
Start Time:		15:12 PM	End Time: 15:27 PM				
Wind speed (km/h):		12 knots	Wind Direction: SSE				
Precipitation (mm):		0	Temperature (°C): 14.9°C				
Pre-calibration type:		By measurement	Post-calibration type: By measurement				
Pre-calibration time:		15:11 PM	Post-calibration: 15:28 PM				
Description of noise environment:		The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 1 kilometre to the north and 700 metres to the south of the monitoring location.					
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)							
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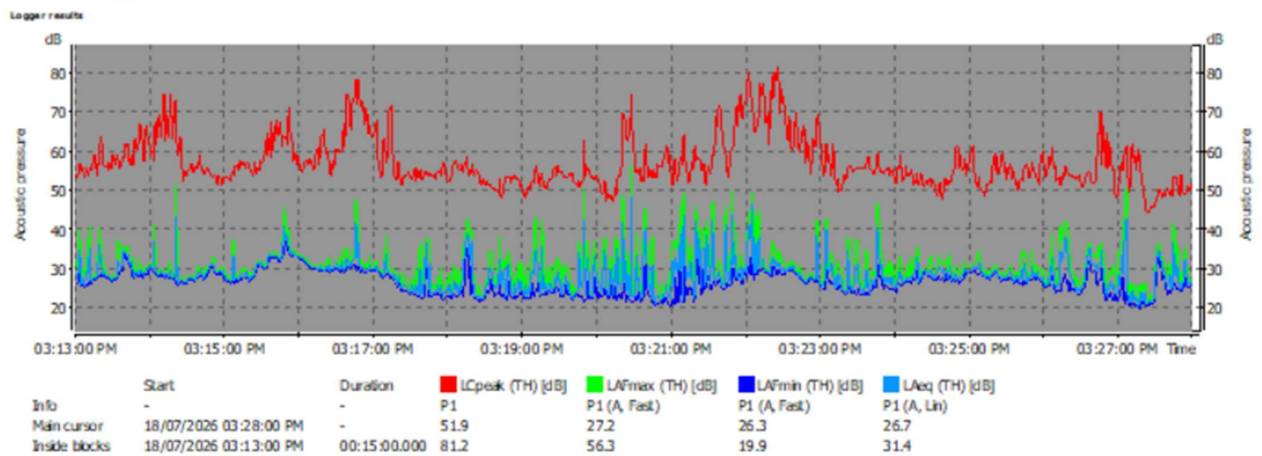
Monitoring Location 1 – Hulks Rd
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes

During the monitoring period, no construction related noise could be heard at the nominated location. No traffic passed the device during the test.

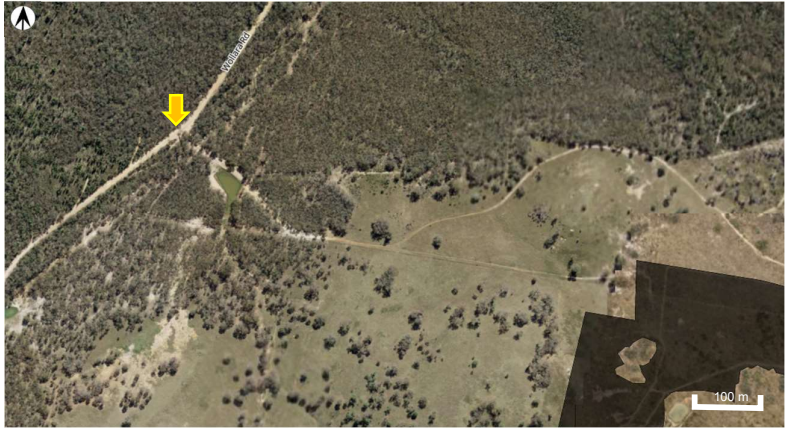
Field summary notes as below:

- 15:12 PM – Misc. bird noises throughout testing

Monitoring Photos

Results
L167 : Logger results


LAeq (15 min): **31.4 dBA**

Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary							
Location:	Northern Emergency Access (-32.2580232, 150.1005470)						
Start Time:	15:40 PM	End Time:	15:55 PM				
Wind speed (km/h):	12 knots	Wind Direction:	SSE				
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	14.9°C				
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement				
Pre-calibration time:	15:39 PM	Post-calibration:	15:56 PM				
Description of noise environment:		Surrounded by the Goulburn River National Park forest. Approximately 2.7 kilometres south of the nearest sensitive receiver.					
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)							
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Monitoring Comments / Field Notes							
During the monitoring period, construction related noise could be heard at the nominated location, including graders, rollers, excavators etc. A repetitive noise could be heard, which sounded like a motorbike. No cars drove past during the test. Field summary notes as below: 15:40 PM – Misc. bird noises throughout testing							
Monitoring Photos							

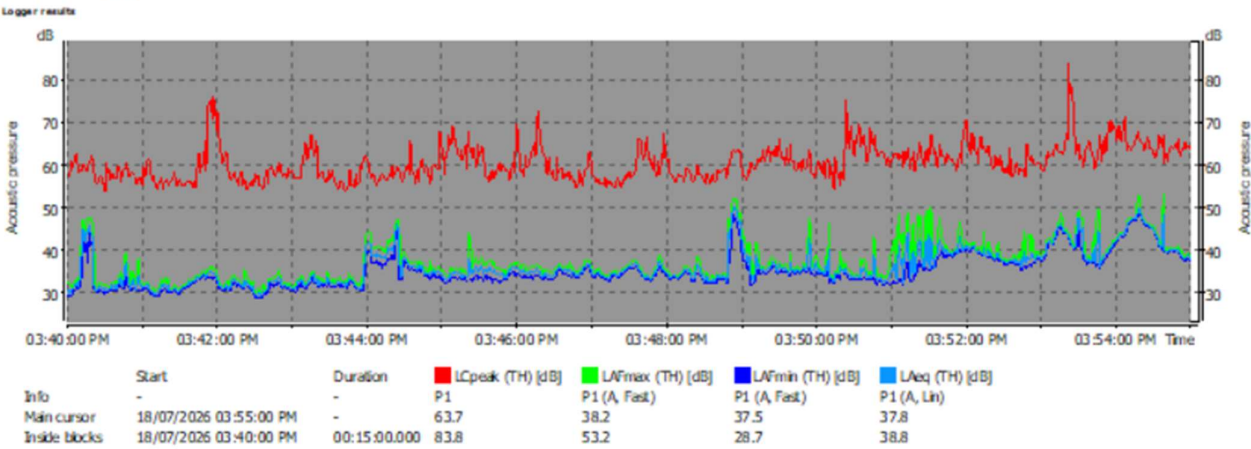
Monitoring Location 2 – Construction Boundary



(Picture from previous monitoring event)

Results

L168 : Logger results



LAeq (15-min): **38.8 dBA**

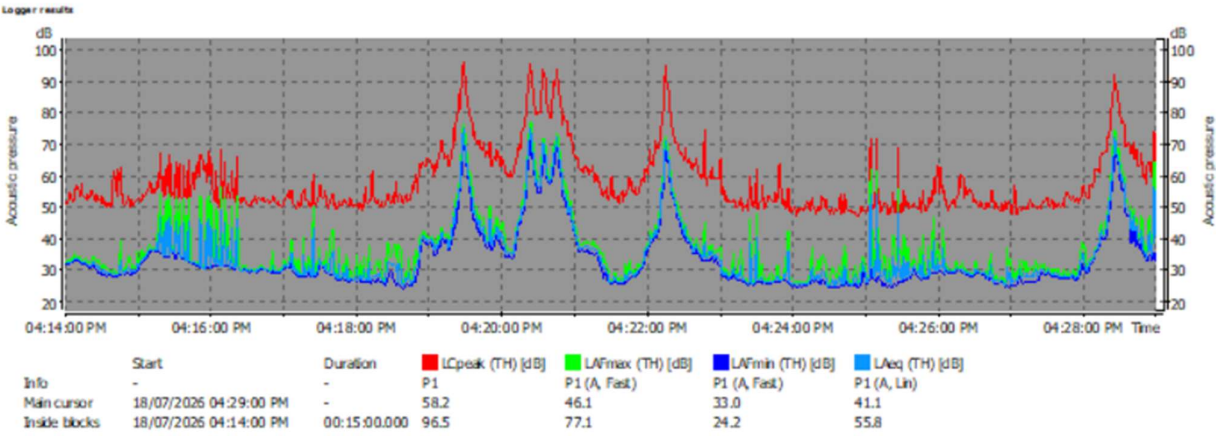
Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary									
Location:	Wollara Rd (-32.291000, 150.069000)								
Start Time:	16:13 PM	End Time:	16:28 PM						
Wind speed (km/h):	12 knots	Wind Direction:	SSE						
Precipitation (mm):	0	Temperature (°C):	14.9°C						
Pre-calibration type:	By measurement	Post-calibration type:	By measurement						
Pre-calibration time:	16:12 PM	Post-calibration:	16:29 PM						
Description of noise environment:		The monitoring location is surrounded by forested land within the Goulburn River National Park. The nearest sensitive receivers are located approximately 5.1 kilometres to the south of the project site.							
Work area/location within the site (map or chainage reference)									
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	Project site entrance								
	Project Boundary								
Monitoring Comments / Field Notes									
During the monitoring, only external noise can be heard at the source, with significant number of cars (6) coming passed during the test period on rough dirt road with significant corrugations. Distant piling, drilling or other construction related noise was observed. Summary of field notes: 1. 16:19 PM Ute drove past 2. 16:20 PM Ute drove past 3. 16:20 PM Ute drove past 4. 16:20 PM Ute drove past 5. 16:22 PM Ute drove past 6. 16:28 PM Ute drove past									
Monitoring Photos									

Monitoring Location 3 – Southern boundary



Results

L169 : Logger results



LAeq (15 min): 55.8 dBA

Attachment C – Consultation with UHSC and TfNSW

RE: External: Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD33964533) - consultation on extensions to two Planning Secretary approvals

From Mathew Pringle <mpringle@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au>
Date Tue 2026-08-11 5:57 PM
To Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>
Cc Diana Mitchell <diana.mitchell@lightsourcebp.com>; Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>; Rachael Hannah <rachael@adaptmg.au>

Hi Beth,

Thank you for your email.

I confirm that Upper Hunter Shire Council has no objection to extending the temporary increase in heavy vehicle movements to 6 October 2026 (five months from the TMP approval) or a further six-month extension to out of hours works to 13 March 2027.

Regards



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Director Environmental & Community Services

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From: Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>
Sent: Friday, 7 August 2026 3:18 PM
To: Mathew Pringle <mpringle@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: Diana Mitchell <diana.mitchell@lightsourcebp.com>; Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>; Rachael Hannah <rachael@adaptmg.au>
Subject: External: Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD33964533) - consultation on extensions to two Planning Secretary approvals

Good afternoon,

This email is to request Council consultation on a proposed extension to two Planning Secretary approvals for Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-33964533).

1. Temporary increase in heavy vehicle numbers (condition B1a(i))

The Goulburn River Solar Farm previously received Planning Secretary approval ([link](#)) for a temporary increase in heavy vehicle movements from 55 to 85 per day (under our SSD consent condition B1a(i)) (Project reference: SSD – 33964533, DPHI reference: PA-99)

The approval was for five (5) months from the date of the Planning Secretary letter (28 March), however, in line with a condition set by TfNSW, the increase could not be implemented until the TMP was approved, which only occurred on 6 May. The approval for daily heavy vehicle movements from 55 to 85 is therefore due to expire on **28 August 2026**. We are seeking an extension from the current expiry date of 28 August until the **6 October** (five months from TMP approval).

The request simply seeks to extend the implementation period to allow the Project to utilise the full five months originally approved. No changes are proposed to the approved traffic limits, mitigation measures or management commitments, and the request remains within the scope of the original assessment, supported by Council (see **attached**).

2. Extension to out of hours works (Saturday afternoon & Sunday) (condition B17)

The Project was initially granted Planning Secretary approval in September 2025 to undertake construction works between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday to Sunday (excluding Public Holidays), subject to requirements of the Planning Secretary, including six-monthly review and re-application. This approval was subsequently renewed in March 2026 ([link](#)), with the current approval due to expire on **13 September 2026**.

Lightsource bp is proposing to seek a further six-month extension of the existing approval, to **13 March 2027**. The request does not propose any change to the currently approved construction hours or associated noise management and monitoring requirements.

Could Council please advise if it has any comments or concerns regarding the two proposed extensions, that should be considered as part of our requests to the Department?

Kind regards,

Beth

Beth Kramer | Principal Environmental Planner | m [+61428379894](tel:+61428379894)



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FW: External: For Council consultation: Goulburn River Solar Farm - Out of Hours Request (Sat afternoon & Sundays) - six month review

From Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>

Date Mon 29-Jun-26 4:27 PM

To Mathew Pringle <mpringle@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au>

Cc Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>; Rachael Hannah <Rachael@adaptmg.au>

Hi Mat

Hope is well.

Just following up on the three-month consultation with Council regarding the current out-of-hours works approval for the Goulburn River Solar Farm. Could you please confirm if Council has any comments or feedback at this stage?

The current approval runs until 13th September, and we're planning to submit a re-application to extend it ahead of time.

Kind regards

Michelle Housego | Senior HSE Advisor | t [+61421788389](tel:+61421788389)

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Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2026 2:52 PM

To: Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>

Cc: Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>; Rachael Hannah <rachael@adaptmg.au>

Subject: RE: External: For Council consultation: Goulburn River Solar Farm - Out of Hours Request (Sat afternoon & Sundays) - six month review

Thanks Beth.

Mat Pringle

Director Environmental & Community Services

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From: Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>**Sent:** Thursday, 5 March 2026 2:22 PM**To:** Mathew Pringle <mpringle@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au>**Cc:** Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>; Rachael Hannah <rachael@adaptmg.au>**Subject:** Re: External: For Council consultation: Goulburn River Solar Farm - Out of Hours Request (Sat afternoon & Sundays) - six month review

Good afternoon Mat,

For your information, we have received our requested extension for out of hours work (valid until the 13th September). We will look to re-apply to extend ahead of this time. We will also consult with you at the three-month mark.

Attached for your records.

Kind regards, Beth

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Hi Beth,

I confirm that Upper Hunter Shire Council has no objection to the proposed extension of the approved variation to the permitted construction hours for the project

Regards

Mat Pringle

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From: Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 3 March 2026 8:47 AM

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Subject: External: For Council consultation: Goulburn River Solar Farm - Out of Hours Request (Sat afternoon & Sundays) - six month review

Good morning Mat,

We have submitted a request to the Planning Secretary to renew our out of hours works approval, which expires on 13th March. The approval we received on September 12th required us to complete a six-monthly review and re-submission to DPHI (in addition to the three-monthly consultation requested by Council).

DPHI have now requested written feedback from Council on our request to renew OOHW as evidence of consultation.

Our application to DPHI is attached. For your information, the project is approaching peak construction, with completion of the solar farm and phase 1 DC-BESS still anticipated in early 2027, consistent with the timeframe outlined in the original request. The extended hours have been implemented for the approved period and reviewed in accordance with the Department's requirements.

Lightsource bp confirms that the extended hours have operated as anticipated, without generating adverse acoustic or community impact, and that:

- No material additional noise impacts have been identified
- Monthly attended noise monitoring has been undertaken in accordance with the approval, along with additional continuous noise loggers at representative locations
- The project has remained compliant with the ICNG framework and the approved Noise Management Framework
- No complaints were received in relation to OOH works during the approved timeframe
- Complaints management procedures remain active and responsive.

The following engagement activities have occurred to facilitate community feedback and complaints (following approval for OOH works):

- **Letterbox drop:** of a Keeping You Informed slip about the extended hours, ahead of OOH works commencing, to approximately 230 locations (covering Ringwood/Wollara Road, its identified side streets, and the Post Office boxes at Merriwa Post Office)
- **Briefing:** with key stakeholders on the changes to construction hours before wider community distribution.
- **Community engagement:** copies of the Keeping You Informed were made available at the September "Community Coffee and Cake Connect" drop-in session, in Merriwa.
- **Project notification integration:** details about the extended hours have continued to be included in each monthly community newsletter, which is delivered to 1,455 residents from Gungal to Casillis. The newsletter also includes information about how to submit a complaint.

Kindest regards, Beth

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From: Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 December 2025 3:45 PM
To: Mathew Pringle <mpringle@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>; Rachael Hannah <rachael@adaptmg.au>
Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm - Out of Hours Request (Sat afternoon & Sundays) - Three month review

Good afternoon Mat,

We received approval from DPHI on the 12th September for out of hours work to allow for on-site construction activities from 7am to 6pm Saturdays and Sundays (excluding public holidays). This approval lasts until the 13th March 2026. We will be applying to DPHI to extend for another (rolling) six-month period.

As part of our request, we committed to *consulting 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.*

I have attached:

- The Request document
- DPHI approval
- A copy of consultation with yourself
- A letter provided to DPHI detailed consultation with the community (treated as confidential)

For your information:

- **Noise monitoring**
 - We have set up three continuous noise monitoring loggers; at two private properties north of the solar farm as well as one logger within the solar farm property. These provide 24/7 real-time data streaming, including alerts, weather integration, and directional noise with short audio/image snippets, which allows us to quickly identify whether exceedances or events are project related.
 - There have been no noise exceedances recorded.
- **Community engagement (pre approval)**
 - Prior to gaining DPHI approval, we directly contacted each of the 8x potentially affected sensitive receivers (as identified in the EIS).
 - We engaged directly with three neighbours who are key interested stakeholders
 - We prepared a summary of community engagement for submission to DPHI (see attached).
- **Community engagement (post approval)**
 - The OOHW were communicated through a targeted 'Keeping You Informed' slip, distributed once we had approval but before the OOHW started.
 - The new hours are included in each monthly newsletter.
 - We have not received any community complaints related to OOHW since these extended hours began.

We will prepare a more detailed report on the noise monitoring to support our application to extend OOHW and will share this with you in late January/early February.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like more information or have suggestions about additional measures we can take,

Kindest regards, Beth

From: Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 12:41 PM

To: Mathew Pringle <mpringle@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>
Subject: Fw: Goulburn River Solar Farm - Out of Hours Request & newly awarded CIS

Good afternoon Mat,

We recently received approval from DPHI for out of hours work on Goulburn River (Saturday afternoons and Sundays, excluding public holidays). This relates to the consultation we did with your team back in May.

For your information and records, we are attaching:

- Approval from the Planning Secretary
- Our request to the Planning Secretary, including our mitigation measures
- A copy of the consultation with Council, which informed the request and was considered in the Planning Secretary's approval.

Additionally, the project has just had two significant milestones ([Lightsource bp advances its first solar and storage hybrid project | Lightsource bp](#)) - we reached financial close on part of the DC-BESS (decentralised) and we also just won support from the Commonwealth for our AC-BESS (standalone) through their CIS program.

Reach out if you have any questions on this (or any other matter),

Kind regards, Beth

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Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm - Out of Hours Request

Dear Elisabeth ,

The Department has completed its assessment of the Out of Hours Request for the Goulburn River Solar Farm

The Department's comments are attached.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Wayne Jones on 0437533549 /at wayne.jones@planning.nsw.gov.au.

To sign in to your account click [here](#) or visit the [Major Projects Website](#).

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Kind regards

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Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD33964533) - consultation on extended period for out of hours works (Saturday afternoon and Sunday)

From Beth Kramer <beth.kramer@lightsourcebp.com>

Date Fri 2026-08-14 11:56 AM

To Development Renewables <development.renewables@transport.nsw.gov.au>

Cc Diana Mitchell <diana.mitchell@lightsourcebp.com>; Rachael Hannah <rachael@adaptmg.au>; Michelle Housego <michelle.housego@lightsourcebp.com>

 1 attachment (376 KB)

SSD-33964533_OOHW Extension_TfNSW Consultation.pdf;

Good morning,

This email is to request TfNSW consultation on a proposed extension to a Planning Secretary approval for Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-33964533); **extension to out of hours works (Saturday afternoon & Sunday) (condition B17)**.

The Project was initially granted Planning Secretary approval in September 2025 to undertake construction works between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday to Sunday (excluding Public Holidays), subject to requirements of the Planning Secretary, including six-monthly review and re-application. This approval was subsequently renewed in March 2026 ([link](#)), with the current approval due to expire on **13 September 2026**.

Lightsource bp is proposing to seek a further six-month extension of the existing approval, to **13 March 2027**. The request does not propose any change to the currently approved construction hours or associated noise management and monitoring requirements. All TfNSW requirements will continue to be implemented.

For your information, I have attached TfNSW's most recent response to our last request (March 2026) to extend construction hours.

Please advise if you have any questions or feedback about our ongoing approach to out of hours works.

Kind regards, Beth

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