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Goulburn River Solar Farm (SSD-33964533): Request for Planning Secretary approval to extend Out of Hours Works Approval (PA-142) under Development Consent Condition B19

Dear Iwan,

Lightsource bp recently received approval from the Planning Secretary (PA-142) to undertake limited Out-of-Hours (OOH) works at the Goulburn River Solar Farm substation associated with transformer preparation and installation works. The approved activities include placing the transformer under vacuum, vacuum oil filling and circulation of insulating oil.

These activities are critical commissioning processes which must be undertaken as a continuous operation to ensure equipment integrity, avoid contamination, and meet manufacturer and commissioning specifications. Once commenced, the process cannot be interrupted and must continue until completion, requiring works to extend overnight.

The current approval identifies specific dates for these works. However, the timing of transformer commissioning remains dependant on transformer delivery, weather conditions and construction sequencing, meaning the works will not be able to occur on the dates specified in approval PA-142.

Specific dates for this scope of work are yet to be confirmed. As such, Lightsource bp is requesting an extension to PA-142 to provide scheduling flexibility for the previously approved OOH works to be undertaken on two separate occasions between **October 2026 and February 2027**, with each occasion occurring over a **period of up to 8-days**.

The requested extension is intended only to accommodate changes to the construction and commissioning program. There is no change to the scope, nature, timing or environmental impact of the works previously assessed. All mitigation measures and management controls associated with PA-142 will continue to apply

and consultation with the community will continue to be undertaken in advance of any OOH works occurring.

We respectfully request the Departments approval to extend the timeframe for undertaking the OOH works as detailed in PA-142.

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

Sincerely,



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