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Principle Environmental Planner
Lightsource Development Services Australia Pty Ltd
Sent via Major Projects Portal
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Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm – Out of hours extension request

Dear Ms Kramer,

I refer to your submission dated 27 August 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 Farm (SSD-33964533). A second approval to extend the hours of construction to 13 September 2026 was given by the Planning Secretary on 4 March 2026.

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

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

I note the out of hours request:

- has been prepared in consultation with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC);
- includes details of the nature of construction activities (see PA-36);
- includes 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 the hours of construction activities to those detailed above, until **13 March 2027, excluding NSW 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. Project related heavy vehicles arriving or departing from the site will be limited to standard hours (weekdays 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm only).
8. Construction for 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.

This approval to extend the construction hours may be revoked by the Department at any time. 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 Katie Weekes on 4927 3223.

Yours sincerely,



Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary