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11/09/2026

Subject: Goulburn River Solar Farm – Out of hours request extension for transformer preparation and installation

Dear Ms Kramer,

I refer to your submission dated 9 September 2026, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to vary the hours 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).

An approval to extend the hours of construction for certain dates was previously given by the Planning Secretary on 27 July 2026 (PA-142).

It is understood the proposed transformer preparation and installation works, which are the subject of this request:

- will be undertaken within the established substation work area;
- involve placing the transformer under vacuum, vacuum oil filling, and circulating insulating oil;
- require limited light vehicle access associated with personnel shift changes with no heavy vehicle movements;
- are critical commissioning processes which must be undertaken as a continuous operation to ensure equipment integrity, avoid contamination, and meet manufacturer and commissioning specifications; and
- once commenced, the process cannot be interrupted and must continue until completion, requiring works to extend overnight.

The Department understands that due to delays in the delivery of the transformers to site, the works will not be able to occur on the dates specified in the existing approval (PA-142).

As the timing of commissioning remains dependent on transformer delivery, weather conditions and construction sequencing, you have requested an amendment to the approved out of hours arrangements to allow for:

- up to two separate periods of out of hours work between October 2026 and February 2027;

- each period to extend for up to 8 consecutive days; and
- the following extended construction hours:
 - 6:00 pm to 7:00 am Monday to Thursday;
 - 6:00 pm Friday to 8:00 am Saturday; and
 - 1:00 pm Saturday to 7:00 am Monday.

The Department notes that the previous out of hours request (PA-142):

- was prepared in consultation with Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC);
- included details of the community consultation undertaken;
- adequately described the nature of the proposed activities;
- included a noise assessment demonstrating that predicted noise levels would remain well below the applicable Noise Management Levels (NMLs);
- provided the information required under the conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the request to vary the hours of construction activities to undertake transformer oil filling during the periods detailed above.

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

- where a noise complaint is received, attended noise monitoring should be undertaken to investigate the noise and any noisy activities reduced as soon as a 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;
- 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;
- 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 or non-compliance; and

All work is to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 2, Condition B20 of the development consent.

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

This approval to extend construction hours for transformer preparation and installation activities may be revoked by the Department at any time, and does not include NSW public holidays.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Katie Weekes on 4927 3223.

Yours sincerely,

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

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary