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Dear Hannah,

Response to Request for Further Information & Section 50 Amendment Application for Planning Permit Application No. PA260428 66-88 & 168-222 Clarke Road, Springvale South

We continue to act for Clarke Road Solar Pty Ltd and reference is made to the letter dated 25 March 2026 which requests further information pursuant to Section 54(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

It is also proposed to amend the application pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, which seeks to introduce Stage 2 into the application.

In response to the above, we enclose:

- Amended Plans prepared by Volta Energy Group, dated 23 March 2026.
- Amended Risk Management Plan and Fire Safety Study Report prepared by Eagles Engineers New Perspectives, dated 27 March 2026;
- Updated town planning prepared by our office.
- Acoustic advice prepared by Resonate dated 1 August 202.

Response to Request for Further Information

Item	Request for Further Information	Response
1	<i>Dimensions added to the development plans, including:</i>	
•	<i>Distance to nearest dwelling/s.</i>	• A new page has been included showing the nearest residential dwellings for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 (Refer Sheet 5 of 5).
•	<i>Access road length and width.</i>	• Access road widths are shown in the legend (i.e. 4 metres). Lengths have been marked between key locations (site entrance to substation, Stage 1 BESS yard, and Stage 2 BESS yard). Noting the access track comprises multiple segments, the drawing is to scale, allowing additional measurements to be taken and scaled as required.
•	<i>Distance between BESS units.</i>	• Spacing is consistent across both Stage 1 and Stage 2. Distances between BESS



		units have been annotated on the Stage 1 BESS yard drawing.
2	<i>Fire Safety Study updated to respond to the Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) Guideline No. 55 (Battery Energy Storage Systems)</i>	Refer enclosed amended report.

Background:

By way of background, an application was submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning on 19 February 2026.

The application sought approval for Utility Installation, associated buildings and works and for earthworks which change the rate of flow. The proposal is proposed to be delivered in stages.

Proposed Amendments:

The proposed amendments seek to introduce Stage 2 into the application. Stage 2 is reflected in the accompanying plans and can be described as follows:

- 115MW/460MWh BESS system and associated internal vehicle accessways.
- O&M Facility.
- Connection Facility.

Planning Considerations:

An assessment of the proposed amendments is included in the enclosed town planning report.

Conclusion:

We trust the above enclosures provide a satisfactory response to the RFI letter and we look forward to your further assessment of the application.

Should you consider any matter to remain outstanding, please accept this letter as a formal request for a one-month extension of time to the RFI lapse date pursuant to Section 54A (2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Please do not hesitate to contact our office to discuss.

Yours sincerely,
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