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22 January 2024
Our Ref: 22105

Minister for Planning
c/- Michael Juttner
Manager, Renewables Team
Department of Transport & Planning

Via DELWP permits online portal

New Planning Permit Application

5 MW Solar Energy Facility, Utility Installation (BESS & power lines) and associated infrastructure at Baddaginnie-Benalla Road, Baddaginnie (Lot 1, TP106246)

Dear Michael,

Chris Smith & Associates hereby makes application for the use and development of a sub-5 MW micro solar farm, including the ancillary battery energy storage system and overhead powerlines at Baddaginnie-Benalla Road, Baddaginnie.

This application relates to Lot 1 on TP106246 and the adjoining road reserve (Baddaginnie-Benalla Road), jointly as the subject site for the purpose of this application.

The proposal includes the ancillary infrastructure, associated switching station and the construction of overhead power line connections to the adjacent land to the north – containing the existing Ausnet 22kV transmission lines.

Consequently, please find the following documents attached in support of an application for planning permit for a renewable energy facility (solar farm) and utility installation (comprising the BESS, overhead power lines and associated infrastructure) within the Rural City of Benalla:

- **Certificate of Title:**
 - Vol. 9672, Fol. 644
- **Planning Report**
(by Chris Smith & Associates)
 - **Appendix A – Glint and Glare Assessment**
by Environmental Ethos, Ref. 22015
 - **Appendix B – Noise Impact Assessment**
by ADP, Ref: MEL3349, Rev. 01
 - **Appendix C – Native Vegetation Impact Assessment**
by Confluence Ecology and Community, Ref: SUC1222, Ver. 2
 - **Appendix D – Visual Impact Assessment**
by Geoscene International, Project 220957
 - **Appendix E – Construction Environmental Management Plan**
by Birdwood Energy, Ver. 2

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- **Appendix F – Plan of Existing Conditions**
by Chris Smith & Associates, Dwg. No. 22203/01, Rev. 0
- **Plans of Proposed Development**
by Birdwood Energy and Solar Mounting Systems
- **Battery and Inverter Equipment Material and Colour Information Sheets**
by Sungrow
- **Signed Application for Planning Permit Form**

This application is made on behalf of **Birdwood Energy**, who are the project lead and applicant in this matter.

If you require any further information in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office on the details below.

Yours sincerely,



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