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Minister for Planning

<u>Department of Environment.</u> Land, Water and Planning

Dear Minister,

Planning Permit Application - Solar Energy Facility
Benalla-Yarrawonga Road, Benalla and Lake Mokoan Road, Benalla

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AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (AECOM) act on behalf of 892 Yarrawonga Development Pty Ltd (the applicant) and provide the enclosed planning permit application for a proposed Renewable Energy Facility and Utility Installation (solar farm and energy storage) and associated buildings and works, removal of native vegetation, display of business identification signage, removal and creation of easements and create or alter access to a Road Zone Category 1 at 892 Benalla-Yarrawonga Road, Goorambat; Benalla-Yarrawonga Road, Benalla, 81 Lake Mokoan road, Goorambat, 616 Benalla-Yarrawonga Road, Benalla, Crown Land and road reserves of Benalla-Yarrawonga Road and Lake Mokoan Road (the subject site).

The subject site is formally described as:

- Lot 1 PS625748F
- Lot 1 LP206524H
- Lot 2 PS625748F
- 98B PP2704
- Lot 1 TP173518C
- Lots 2-5 LP206524H
- Lot 1 TP104377

The purpose of the solar farm is to supply electricity generated from solar radiation into the National Energy Market. The generation and use of renewable energy as an alternative to fossil fuel generation represents an appropriate and necessary response to the impacts of climate change currently experienced on a global scale.

The following documents have been included as part of the submission to support our proposal:

- A recent copy of the Certificate of Title.
- A Planning Application Report prepared by AECOM (October 2020).
- Community Consultation Material prepared by South Energy. (June 2019)
- Application Plans prepared by AECOM (September 2020).
- Flora and Fauna Assessment prepared by AECOM (September 2020).
- Surface Water Assessment prepared by AECOM (September 2020)
- Hydrology and Hydraulic Modelling Report prepared by AECOM (August 2020)
- Traffic Impact Assessment prepared by AECOM (September 2020)
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment prepared by AECOM (September 2020)
- Landscape Plans prepared by AECOM (September 2020)
- Glint and Glare Assessment prepared by AECOM (September 2020)
- Preliminary Environmental Management Plan prepared by AECOM (October 2020)
- Geotechnical Assessment prepared by AECOM (November 2019)
- Agricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Ag-Challenge (September 2020)
- Cultural Heritage Management Plan prepared by AECOM (September 2020)
- Operational Noise Assessment prepared by AECOM (September 2020)





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- Survey Plans prepared by Tomkinson Group (September 2020)
- Woodland Restoration Plan prepared by AECOM (October 2020)
- Landscape Early Works Plans prepared by AECOM (September 2020)

Please note that the application fee will be paid upon receipt of the application.

We trust that the above and enclosed information regarding the proposed Solar Energy Facility is to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning and look forward to your consideration of the proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or should you have any enquiries in relation to this submission.

Kind regards	
_Associate Director - Planning	
Associate Director - Plannino	