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Dear Anthony,

RE: Response to DELWP request for further information Planning Permit Application PLN249-2019 (Corop Solar Farm)

We refer to the above request for further information dated 30 December 2021 relating to the planning permit application for the Corop Solar Farm. Please accept our response below including accompanying information as outlined.

1. *Amended Application Form to include all permit triggers and all land proposed to be used and developed as part of the proposal.*

An application form is included with the application, including updated land use triggers. A list of all lots and road reserves impacted by the proposal is included.

2. *A full copy of Certificates of Title Certificates of Title (searched within the past three months). Any section 173 agreements and/or covenants listed on the register search statement and all relevant associated documents must be provided.*

A recently searched copy of the certificates of title are provided, including relevant associated documents at Appendix J of the planning report. There are no section 173 agreements or covenants that apply.

3. *Updated Planning Report*

An updated planning report has been provided, including:

- A site overview map identifying all lots proposed to be developed, at Appendix A (Site Context Plan)
- A description of proposed setbacks, at Appendix A (Solar Farm Setbacks plan)
- An assessment of heat island impacts, at Section 6
- Information about the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), at Section 3
- An assessment against the CFA Guideline at Appendix F
- Consistent description of inverter stations at Section 3 and at Appendix A (Inverter Station Dimensions plan)

4. Updated plans

Updated plans are provided at Appendix A of the planning report, including:

- Dimensioned plan of substation area, switch yard, BESS (Battery Energy Storage and Switching Station plans), powerlines and poles (Solar Farm Layout Stage 1) and fences and accessways including new crossovers (Site Entrances). Accessway detail is also shown on the traffic drawings at Appendix H. No acoustic barriers are proposed.
- General locations of proposed landscaping treatments
- Setbacks (Solar Farm Setbacks plan)
- General updates to key / legend and other plan details.

5. Submission of a Landscaping Plan

The general location of landscaping is now shown across the plans at Appendix A. Details of proposed landscaping is also contained at Section 6 of the planning report. Further detail on species selection and general establishment and maintenance may be provided by way of condition on any planning permit that may be issued for the project.

6. Assessment of the proposal against the Country Fire Authority's Guidelines for Renewable Energy Installations

A full assessment of the proposal against the CFA Guidelines is contained at Appendix F of the planning report.

7. A finalised copy of the approved CHMP

A copy of the approved CHMP is provided at Appendix I of the planning report. The highlighted changes to the document reflect an amendment that occurred in March 2021 and that was subsequently approved. The relevant dates of the final amendment and approval are reflected on the covering approval sheet and page i of the CHMP document.

8. Submission of an Acoustic Assessment

An Acoustic Assessment is provided at Appendix B of the planning report. No acoustic barriers, operational limitations or other mitigation measures are required to achieve compliance with the noise limits prescribed under the relevant EPA guidelines.

9. Submission of a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment is provided at Section 6 of the planning report. Photomontages from four representative locations are included at Appendix K of the planning report. The impact on the facility on the surrounding area will be acceptable within the context of policy of the Campaspe Planning Scheme which seeks to minimise amenity impacts while facilitating renewable energy generation.

10. Submission of a Glint and Glare Impact Assessment

A Glint and Glare Assessment is included at Appendix C of the planning report. The results of the assessment are discussed in Section 6 of the planning report. Minor mitigation measures of screening are proposed as shown on the layout plans, to mitigate glare impacts on surrounding dwellings. No aviation impacts are predicted.

11. Submission of an Agricultural Impact Assessment

An Agricultural Impact Assessment is included at Appendix D of the planning report. The proposal accords with the relevant sections of the Campaspe Planning Scheme and will not have an unreasonable adverse impact on agricultural productivity of the site or region.

We trust that this information is satisfactory. Please contact me if you have any further queries on 0439 787 575 or tim.doolan@energyforms.com.au.



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