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Dear Talia,

### **Laceby Solar Project Letter of advice**

**Project no. 43569**

Biosis has assessed the information provided regarding proposed development of the Laceby Solar Project, in reference to approved CHMP 16206, and can advise that the proposed works comply with the Activity Area, Activity Description and Management Conditions as set out in that CHMP and can therefore proceed.

A CHMP is valid for the life of the project as long as the activity remains consistent to the description of the activity in the CHMP, are confined within the approved Activity Area, and that the conditions in the CHMP are still fulfilled. The proposed changes in the design and arrangement of the solar farm and the associated infrastructure are substantially the same as described in the CHMP.

A CHMP also travels with the activity and so can be transferred from one owner or developer to another if project management or contractors change. Therefore, the CHMP prepared for BE Pro J Pty Ltd and Oxley and Company, can continue to be used by Bison Energy, its contractors, or any other entity that undertakes the activity.

The following Appendix provides a more detailed discussion of the revised activity and approved CHMP 16206.

Yours sincerely



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# Appendix 1

## Assessment of proposed design changes in reference to approved CHMP16026

Biosis undertook a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the proposed Solar Farm, located at the south-western corner of the intersection of Snow Road and Wangaratta-Kilfeera Road, Laceyby, Victoria. The extent of the Activity Area covered by the CHMP is approximately 130 hectares and is zoned Farming Zone (FZ) under the Planning Scheme.

The CHMP is cited as:

**Biosis 2018. Proposed Solar Farm, Laceyby. Cultural heritage Management Plan 16206. Report for Oxley and Company. Authors: Aitchison M & Nuridin E, Biosis Pty Ltd, Albury. Project no 28717.**

The extent of the Activity Area included in the CHMP is shown in Figure 1. The Activity Area for the modified design has not changed from that in the approved CHMP.



Figure 1 Extent of the CHMP 16206 Activity Area

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## CHMP assessments

A Desktop and Standard Assessment conducted for the project identified that there are no previously registered Aboriginal places located within or within 200 metres of the Activity Area, and that there was low potential for Aboriginal places because of the lack of suitable resources such as stone outcrops, or permanent waterways. It also noted that ground disturbing activities including trenching for drainage and water, installation of dams and grading had occurred reducing potential for undisturbed Aboriginal places.

The Standard Assessment determined that there was a low likelihood for unidentified Aboriginal cultural heritage material to be present within the Activity Area and therefore a Complex Assessment was not undertaken.

## The Activity Description

The Activity description for the Laceby Solar Project as presented in the CHMP is as follows:

- *Levelling of land with dimensions of 150 x 150 metres, including installation of one substation.*
- *Installation of PV solar panel arrays including direct piling to 1.8 metres for the installation of up to 14,000 mounting poles.*
- *Installation of 12 power stations.*
- *Construction internal access tracks between solar arrays including:*
  - *grading and levelling of topsoil*
  - *placement of gravel/fill*
- *Installation of up to 5,000 metres of underground power cables throughout the Activity Area and connecting the solar arrays and PV inverters.*
- *Removal existing fences.*
- *Future activity within the Activity Area may also include the installation of battery and energy storage devices within the development footprint, depending on technologies available.*

Changes to the design of the solar project are minor and involve mostly the same arrangement of solar panels. Slight changes to the positioning of panels mean there will also be changes to individual tree removals. Overall impacts to the ground surface will remain substantially the same. The 2019 general layout plan of the Solar Project is shown in Figure 2 and the modified general plan is shown in Figure 3.

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The Management conditions under the CHMP comprise the following”

**Condition 1 - Cultural heritage induction**

*Prior to the Activity commencing*

*Prior to the commencement of any construction works a cultural heritage induction must be held with the participation of the Sponsor or their representative project manager, and where relevant, participation of site supervisor/s and personnel directly involved in construction works (i.e. site workers, contractors, subcontractors). The cultural heritage induction conducted by a qualified Heritage Advisor and representatives of the RAP must be invited to attend.*

**Condition 2 – Inspection**

*During the Activity*

*Following the induction, a representative of the RAP will remain on site to observe ground disturbing works.*

*Should Aboriginal cultural heritage be discovered, contingencies as specified in Section 2 of this CHMP will be enacted. An initial 5 metre buffer will be secured and no ground disturbing works will take place within the buffer until the cultural heritage has been appropriately treated.*

**Condition 3 – Copy of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan**

*During the Activity*

*A copy of this approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan (management plan) must be held onsite at all times during construction works.*

All of these conditions will be fulfilled in development of the Solar Project. Similarly, the contingencies described in the CHMP will also be implemented in the event of unexpected cultural heritage or other matters arising.

Therefore, I can advise that the existing 2019 CHMP 16206, remains a valid approval document for the revised design of the Laceby Solar Project.

Gary Vines

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