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**RE:** Stanhope Solar Facility- 95 Middle Rd, Stanhope.

Dear Glennie,

Please find below my response in relation to the vegetation present in the proximity of the proposed new power poles and powerline alignment on the private property referred to as 95 Middle Road, Stanhope (refer to Figure 1).

The following conclusions,(in the absence of a site visit), are based on reviewing Google aerial imagery, my knowledge of the area from previous site assessments (approx.3.5km northwest and 7km south of the study site) and; site photos taken by Powercor representatives.

The Stanhope region is a dairy / farming producing district. Private property in the region is typically devoid of native vegetation because of farming activities. Native vegetation is confined to roadside reserves and channels. Fence lines are planted with introduced exotic species, Cypress pine *Cupressus sp.*, as windbreaks and the introduced South Australian sugar gum *Eucalyptus cladocalyx* for firewood.

The vegetation at 95 Middle Road is consistent with other properties in the region (refer to Table 1; Photographs 1- 4). The site is dominated by planted introduced species and pasture. The pole installations and powerline alignment will not impact on any native species covered under Victoria's native vegetation provisions Clause 52.17. We note this finding is consistent with the original planning permit approval issued by Campaspe Shire Council (28 June 2019).

Should you have any questions in relation to above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards



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**Figure 1: Pole Locations**



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Table 1: Site Photographs

ID	Site Photograph	Comments
DSC01267		<p>Location of Pole 5 looking south. Sugar gums are located at front and rear of house. BlackBerry can be seen in the depression in the foreground along with is looks to be <i>Prunus sp.</i> Cypress pine is planted as a wind break in the right of the photographs.</p> <p>Alignment avoids the sugar gum notwithstanding it is not covered under clause 52.17</p>
DSC01268		<p>Location of Poles 2, 3 &amp; 4 as per construction plans. Windbreak consisting of introduced cypress pine can be seen adjacent to where poles are to be installed. Ground flora consists of pasture and a scotch thistle</p> <p>No native vegetation will be destroyed because of installation of poles and powerline alignment to Pole 5 to the left of the photograph.</p>
DSC01271		<p>Dead radiata pine can be seen on the left of the photograph, a large Peppercorn Tree in the left background and a Cypress pine in the right of photograph.</p>
DSC01275		<p>Location of Pole 1 as per construction plans. Dead radiata pine can be seen in the middle of the photograph with windbreak of cypress pines adjacent to where 2 poles are too be located.</p> <p>No native vegetation will be destroyed.</p>