



SITE INSPECTION & LOCALITY TOUR NOTES

Project:	Orange Grove Solar Farm (SSD 8882)
Meeting Location:	Orange Solar Project Site
Date:	Monday, 3 June 2019
Time:	12:00pm - 2:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:	Chris Wilson (Chair) Annelise Tuor Andrew Hutton
Commission Secretariat:	Brad James Senior Planning Officer
Applicant:	Jason Gibson Senior Development Manager Brett Thomas CEO & Managing Director
Community Members:	Pixi Mix R1 Robyn Mix R1 Marilyn Croft R2 & Namoi Pistol Club

LOCATIONS & KEY FEATURES

1) Management Hub

Introductions and Chair Opening Statement. The Proponent provided maps of the site and surrounding properties. The Panel observed the location of the management hub. The Applicant pointed out the location of the substation, extra storage area and laydown area. The Applicant also pointed out the development footprint boundary and confirmed that the solar panel layout runs east-west. In response to the Panel's query in relation to the need for a road upgrade, the Applicant stated that dust suppression measures are proposed.

2) Development Setback - North East

From this location the Panel observed the north-west development setback. A height pole was put in place and the Panel observed the indicative height of the solar panels from this location. In response to the Panel's query in relation to fencing, the Applicant confirmed that security fencing is proposed. The Panel observed the dwelling at R1 and the Namoi Pistol Club from this location.

3) Namoi Pistol Club

The Panel observed the Namoi Pistol Club rifle range. The Applicant pointed out the visible portion of the Project Site to the south-west.

4) R1 Dwelling

At this location the Panel observed the north-east development footprint from the dwelling at R1. The existing vegetation on site was viewed by the Panel. The Panel also viewed the dwelling and silos located on R2's property. Note: Marilyn Croft was unable to continue on the site inspection.

5) R2 Property Boundary

The Panel observed the western development footprint from this location. A height pole was installed and the Panel observed the indicative height and location of the solar panels. The Panel also viewed the location of proposed landscaping and development setback from the western property boundary. The Applicant noted that security fencing would be setback into the Project Site. The Applicant confirmed that the essential energy poles that run through the Project Site will be relocated to the northern boundary of the property.

6) R2 Dwelling

The representatives from R2 pointed out the extent of their property to the north. They also noted that the landscaping will provide screening when viewed from their dwelling however, there would be unobstructed views of the development from other locations within the property.

7) R8 (viewed from Orange Grove Rd)

The Panel viewed the Project Site from the property entrance to R8. The Application pointed out the western boundary of the development. The site inspection concluded.

SITE INSPECTION MAP

