



16 July 2024

Cameron Ashe
Environmental Assessment Officer
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Cameron,

Wallaroo Solar Farm Questions on Notice and Request for Clarification

I refer to the State significant development application for the Wallaroo Solar Farm (SSD-9261283) (**Application**), currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

Further to the Commission's meeting with the Department on 10 July 2024, the Commission is seeking a response from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**) on the following matters:

1. additional detail on yellow glare including the time of day and year it is produced and if it is proposed to be visible for receivers in the ACT, specifically in the afternoon.
2. research papers within the public domain that the Department used in its assessment of solar panel contamination risk.

The Commission is also seeking further information regarding the following traffic and access route matters:

- the proposed access routes in their entirety for each vehicle type including heavy vehicles, oversize overmass (OSOM) vehicles and light vehicles (e.g., staff vehicles) associated with the development;
- clarify the following relating to the transport and access route conditions of the Department's recommended consent:
 - if Figure 2 of Appendix 6 and/or condition B3 needs to be updated to specify the direction of use of the Barton Highway (either through the ACT or NSW);
 - if conditions B1 and/or B3 needs to be amended to specify the volume and which vehicle types are proposed to use the OSOM route;
- details of the vehicle type and volume proposed to travel through Murrumbateman;
- any proposed use of the Federal Highway;
- provide details of any assessment of the need for any upgrade of the length or of part of Wallaroo Road (other than the proposed intersection upgrades) that was completed by the Department; and
- confirm the number of vehicle movements included in recommended condition B1 are one-way vehicle movements.



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The Commission requests that the Department provide a response by **5pm on Monday 22 July 2024**.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Tahlia Hutchinson, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



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A/Planning Director