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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed solar farm and battery development at Muswellbrook.

I am supportive of the Muswellbrook Solar Farm application. I privately own a portion of the land on which the project is located. This land will be leased to the project.

The project will support the Commonwealth and NSW governments in achieving renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction targets. The Commonwealth and all NEM state governments have committed to a net zero emission economy by 2050 or sooner (AEMO 2022). In particular, the project will help achieve the objectives of the Commonwealth Government's Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (LRET) (DCCEE 2022a), Paris Agreement 2015 targets and the NSW Government's Net Zero Plan (DPIE 2020b) and Energy Roadmap (DPIE 2020a) legislation.

As a State Significant Development located within the Hunter Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone, the project is strongly supporting the NSW Governments transition from coal to clean energy in the Hunter region and will have multiple benefits to the region. More locally, the project is an important part of the Muswellbrook coal mines transition after its closure in 2022.

The project will require a peak construction workforce of up to 200 people during construction of the solar farm, and up to 70 people during construction of the BESS infrastructure. The construction workforce will be sourced from the local area as far as practicable. It is assumed that approximately 54% of construction workers may be sourced from the local and regional area. The other 46% will be non-local hires. Accommodation for non-local hired workers is anticipated to be sourced through available rental and motel accommodation in Muswellbrook and surrounding townships such as Singleton, Aberdeen, Scone and, Denman and surrounding areas. This will provide significant flow on effects to the local economy.

Potential partnerships with local businesses and contractors who may be able to be involved in the project are already being investigated with an aim to ensure that local content can be maximised, as far as possible.

In addition, after consultation with Muswellbrook Shire Council and feedback from the local community, a VPA including a community benefit fund and neighbour benefit fund will be established to support the wider local community.



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I am eager to see the success of the Muswellbrook solar farm and witness the important part it will play in the transition to clean energy regionally.
