Development Consent

Section 4.38 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

The Independent Planning Commission of NSW grants consent to the development application referred to in Schedule 1, subject to the conditions in Schedule 2.

These conditions are required to:

- prevent, minimise and/or offset any adverse environmental impacts of the development;
- set standards and performance measures for acceptable environmental performance; and
- provide for the ongoing environmental management of the development.

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Sydney 30 January 2024

SCHEDULE 1

Application Number: SSD 21208499

Applicant: Elgin Energy Pty Ltd

Consent Authority: NSW Independent Planning Commission

Land: See Appendix 2

Development: Glanmire Solar Farm

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DEFINITIONS

Aboriginal stakeholders registered for cultural heritage consultation for Aboriginal stakeholders

the development

Ancillary infrastructure All project infrastructure with the exception of solar panels, including but

not limited to collector substations, switching stations, permanent offices, battery storage and site compounds, electricity transmission lines and

internal roads

Applicant Elgin Energy Pty Ltd, or any person who seeks to carry out the

development approved under this consent

Large scale energy storage system Battery storage

Basic Left Turn BAL BAR Basic Right Turn

BCS Biodiversity Conservation and Science Group within NSW DCCEEW Cessation of operations

Operation of the development has ceased for a continuous period of 12

months

Commissioning The testing of the components, equipment and systems of the

development following completion of construction, prior to operations

commencing.

Conditions of this consent

Consent authority Construction

Feasible

Conditions contained in Schedules 1 and 2 inclusive

Independent Planning Commission of NSW

The construction of the development, including but not limited to, the carrying out of any earthworks on site and the construction of solar panels and any ancillary infrastructure (but excludes road upgrades or maintenance works to the public road network, building/road dilapidation surveys, installation of fencing, artefact survey and/or salvage, overhead

line safety marking and geotechnical drilling and/or surveying)

Council Bathurst Regional Council

The removal of solar panels and ancillary infrastructure and/or Decommissioning

rehabilitation of the site

Department Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (formerly known as

the Department of Planning and Environment)

The development as described in the EIS Development

Development footprint The area within the site on which the components of the project will be

constructed (shown in Appendix 1)

Water Group within the Department **DPE** Water

FIS The Environmental Impact Statement for Glanmire Solar Farm dated

> November 2022, the Submissions Report dated September 2023, the Amendment Report dated September 2023 and the additional

information provided to the Department by the Applicant dated 4 October

2023 and 7 November 2023.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 EP&A Act Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 EP&A Regulation

NSW Environment Protection Authority

The transmission line operated by Essential Energy and identified on the Existing transmission line

figure in Appendix 1 as "66kV Infrastructure currently operated at 11kV".

Feasible relates to engineering considerations and what is practical to

build or implement

Fire and Rescue NSW **FRNSW**

As defined by the Heavy Vehicle National Law, (NSW), but excluding light Heavy vehicle

and medium rigid trucks and buses no more than 8 tonnes and with not

more than 2 axles

Any vehicle that requires a pilot vehicle and/or escort vehicle, as defined Heavy vehicle requiring escort

by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's NSW Class 1 Load Carrying

Vehicle Operator's Guide

Heritage NSW Heritage NSW Group within NSW DCCEEW

Heritage item An item as defined under the Heritage Act 1977 and/or an Aboriginal

Object or Aboriginal Place as defined under the National Parks and

Wildlife Act 1974

Incident A set of circumstances that causes or threatens to cause material harm

to the environment

Material harm Is harm that:

involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human

beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial; or

results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (such loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make

good harm to the environment)

Minimise Implement all reasonable and feasible mitigation measures to reduce the

impacts of the development

MW Megawatt

Non-compliance An occurrence, set of circumstances or development that is a breach of

this consent but is not an incident

NSW DCCEEW NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and

Operation Water

The operation of the development, but does not include commissioning,

trials of equipment or the use of temporary facilities

Planning Secretary Secretary of the Department, or nominee

POEO Act Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

Public infrastructure Linear and related infrastructure that provides services to the general

public, such as roads, railways, water supply, drainage, sewerage, gas supply, electricity, telephone, telecommunications, irrigation channels,

drainage channels

Reasonable Reasonable relates to the application of judgement in arriving at a

decision, taking into account: mitigation benefits, cost of mitigation versus benefits provided, community views and the nature and extent of

potential improvements

Rehabilitation The restoration of land disturbed by the development to a good

condition, to ensure it is safe, stable and non-polluting

RFS NSW Rural Fire Service

Site As shown in Appendix 1 and listed in Appendix 2

Temporary facilities Temporary facilities used for the construction, upgrading and/or

decommissioning of the development, including but not limited to temporary site offices and compounds, materials storage compounds, maintenance workshops, material stockpiles laydown areas and parking

spaces

TfNSW Transport for New South Wales

Upgrading The replacement of solar panels and ancillary infrastructure on site

(excluding maintenance) in accordance with the conditions of this

consent

Vehicle movement One vehicle entering and leaving the site

VPA Voluntary Planning Agreement

SCHEDULE 2

PART A DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT CONDITIONS

DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT

- A1. Pursuant to Section 4.16(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Applicant must satisfy the deferred commencement requirements as set out in condition A2 prior to this development consent becoming operative.
- A2. The Applicant must submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary that development for the refurbishment and augmentation of the existing transmission line and any associated works required to connect the solar farm to the electricity network:
 - (a) has been granted development consent under Part 4 of the EP&A Act; or
 - (b) if the development is an activity within the meaning of section 5.1 of the EP&A Act, a determining authority has assessed and determined to carry out, or approved the carrying out of, the activity in accordance with Part 5, Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act.

PART B ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT

B1. In meeting the specific performance measures and criteria in this consent, all reasonable and feasible measures must be implemented to prevent, and if prevention is not reasonable and feasible, minimise, any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, upgrading, commissioning, rehabilitation or decommissioning of the development.

TERMS OF CONSENT

- B2. The development may only be carried out:
 - (a) in compliance with the conditions of this consent;
 - (b) in accordance with all written directions of the Planning Secretary;
 - (c) generally in accordance with the EIS; and
 - (d) generally in accordance with the Development Layout in Appendix 1 (as amended by B5)
- B3. The Applicant must comply with any requirement/s of the Planning Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of:
 - (a) any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent;
 - (b) any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and
 - (c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.
- B4. The conditions of this consent and directions of the Planning Secretary prevail to the extent of any inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict between them and a document listed in condition B2(c) or B2(d). In the event of an inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict between any of the documents listed in condition B2(c) or B2(d), the most recent document prevails to the extent of the inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict.

BOUNDARY SETBACK DISTANCES

- B5. Prior to the issue of any construction certificate, the Applicant must prepare a revised General Layout of Development Plan to replace the plan shown at Appendix 1 of this consent which:
 - (a) incorporates a minimum setback for solar panels and ancillary infrastructure (excluding fencing and internal roads) of 30 metres from the western-and eastern boundaries of the site;
 - (b) retains the setbacks at the northern and southern boundaries of the site as currently proposed in accordance with Appendix 1 of this consent;
 - (c) only includes land owned by the Applicant, or land with which the Applicant has the written consent of the landowner to use the land as a setback;
 - (d) includes opportunities for additional vegetation screening as a consequence of the minimum setbacks set by B5(a) and B5(b); and
 - (e) must be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval.

The Applicant must implement the revised General Layout of Development Plan as approved by the Planning Secretary.

BATTERY STORAGE RESTRICTION

B6. The battery storage associated with the development must not exceed a total delivery capacity of 60 MW.

Note: This condition does not prevent the Applicant from seeking to lodge a separate development application or modify this consent to increase the capacity of the battery storage in the future.

UPGRADING OF SOLAR PANELS AND ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE

B7. The Applicant may upgrade the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure on site provided these upgrades remain within the approved development footprint (including the approved maximum height and tilt of solar panels and ancillary infrastructure). Prior to carrying out any such upgrades, the Applicant must provide revised layout plans and project details of the development (including but not limited to specifying the method of disposal for redundant solar panels) to the Planning Secretary incorporating the proposed upgrades.

STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY

B8. The Applicant must ensure that all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the *National Construction Code*.

Notes:

- Under Part 6 of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the development.
- Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the development.

DEMOLITION

B9. The Applicant must ensure that all demolition work on site is carried out in accordance with *Australian Standard AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of Structures*, or its latest version.

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- B10. Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant must:
 - (a) repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the development; and
 - (b) relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development.

Note: This condition does not apply to the upgrade and maintenance of the road network, which is expressly provided for in the conditions of this consent.

OPERATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

- B11. The Applicant must ensure that all plant and equipment used on site, or in connection with the development, is:
 - (a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
 - (b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.

SUBDIVISION

B12. The Applicant may subdivide land comprising the site for the purposes of carrying out the development as generally identified in Appendix 3 and in accordance with the requirements of the EP&A Act, EP&A Regulation and the *Conveyancing Act 1919* (NSW). A subdivision certificate must not be issued until a final occupation certificate has been issued.

Notes:

- Under Part 6 of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain a subdivision certificate for a plan of subdivision.
- Division 6.4 of Part 6 of the EP&A Act sets out the application requirements for subdivision certificates.

APPLICABILITY OF GUIDELINES

B13. References in the conditions of this consent to any guideline, protocol, Australian Standard or policy are to such guidelines, protocols, Standards or policies in the form they are in as at the date of this consent.

However, consistent with the conditions of this consent and without altering any limits or criteria in this consent, the Planning Secretary may, when issuing directions under this consent in respect of ongoing monitoring and management obligations, require compliance with an updated or revised version of such a guideline, protocol, Standard or policy, or a replacement of them.

COMPLIANCE

B14. The Applicant must ensure that all of its employees, contractors (and their sub-contractors) are made aware of, and are instructed to comply with, the conditions of this consent relevant to activities they carry out in respect of the development.

EVIDENCE OF CONSULTATION

- B15. Where conditions of this consent require consultation with an identified party, the Applicant must:
 - (a) consult with the relevant party prior to submitting the subject document to the Planning Secretary for approval; and
 - (b) provide details of the consultation undertaken including:
 - (i) the outcome of that consultation, matters resolved and unresolved; and
 - (ii) details of any disagreement remaining between the party consulted and the Applicant and how the Applicant has addressed the matters not resolved.

PLANNING AGREEMENT

- B16. Prior to commencing construction, or unless the Planning Secretary agrees to an alternate timeframe, the Applicant must enter into a VPA with Council in accordance with:
 - (a) Division 7.1 of Part 7 of the EP&A Act; and
 - (b) The terms of the agreement between the Applicant and Council dated 4 October 2023, which are summarised in Appendix 5 or such other terms as may be offered by the Applicant and agreed to by the Council.

COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

B17. Prior to the issue of any construction certificate, a Community Communication Strategy must be prepared in consultation with Council. The Community Communication Strategy must provide mechanisms for the life of the development to facilitate communication between the Applicant, Council and the community (including adjoining affected landowners and businesses).

PART C ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

TRANSPORT

Heavy Vehicles Requiring Escort and Heavy Vehicle Restrictions

- C1. The Applicant must ensure that the:
 - (a) development does not generate more than:
 - 60 heavy vehicle movements a day (a maximum of 13 heavy vehicle movements per hour) during construction, upgrading or decommissioning; and
 - (ii) 10 movements of heavy vehicles requiring escort during construction, upgrading and decommissioning; and
 - (b) length of any vehicles (excluding heavy vehicles requiring escort) used for the development does not exceed 26 metres,

unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.

C2. The Applicant must keep accurate records of the number of heavy vehicles requiring escort and heavy vehicles entering or leaving the site each day for the duration of the project. These records must be made publicly available on the Applicant's website, at least every fortnight unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.

Site Access

C3. All vehicles associated with the development (other than those used by or in connection with the NSW Emergency Services) must enter and exit the site via the site access point off Brewongle Lane via the Great Western Highway, as identified in Appendix 1.

Note: NSW Emergency Services is defined as ambulance, firefighting, police, and emergency and rescue services.

Road Upgrades

C4. Unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must complete the road upgrades as detailed in Appendix 6.

Unless the relevant roads authority agrees otherwise, these upgrades must comply with the *Austroads Guide to Road Design* (as amended by TfNSW supplements) and be carried out to the satisfaction of the relevant roads authority.

Road Maintenance

- C5. The Applicant must:
 - (a) undertake an independent dilapidation survey to assess the:
 - condition of Brewongle Lane, between the Great Western Highway and the site access point, following the road upgrade works undertaken in accordance with condition C4 and prior to construction, upgrading and decommissioning activities; and
 - (ii) condition of Brewongle Lane, between the Great Western Highway and the site access point, following the completion of construction, upgrading and decommissioning activities;
 - (b) repair and/or make good any development-related damage to Brewongle Lane identified in dilapidation surveys during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works in consultation with the relevant roads authority,

If there is a dispute about road repair between the Applicant and the relevant roads authority, then either party may refer the matter to the Planning Secretary for resolution.

Operating Conditions

- C6. The Applicant must ensure:
 - (a) the internal roads are constructed as all-weather roads;
 - (b) there is sufficient parking on site for all vehicles during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works, and no parking, idling, or queueing of trucks or other vehicles occurs on the public road network in the vicinity of the site, including on Brewongle Lane;
 - (c) the capacity of the existing roadside drainage network is not reduced;
 - (d) all vehicles are loaded and unloaded on site, and enter and leave the site in a forward direction;
 - (e) development-related vehicles leaving the site are in a clean condition to minimise dirt being tracked onto the sealed public road network.

Traffic Management Plan

- C7. Prior to commencing the road upgrades identified in condition C4 of this consent, the Applicant must prepare a Traffic Management Plan for the development in consultation with TfNSW, Bathurst Regional Council and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. This plan must include:
 - (a) details of the transport route to be used for development-related traffic;
 - (b) details of the road upgrade works required by condition C4 of this consent;
 - (c) a reconciliation table to demonstrate all traffic-related management measures and recommendations identified in the EIS and as required by this consent have been included in the plan;
 - (d) details of the measures that would be implemented to minimise traffic impacts during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works, including:
 - (i) details of the dilapidation surveys required by condition C5 of this consent;
 - (ii) temporary traffic controls, including detours and signage;
 - (iii) notifying the local community about project-related traffic impacts;
 - (iv) procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from the community about development -related traffic;
 - measures to minimise potential for conflict with school buses and other road users as far as practicable, including preventing queuing on the public road network;
 - (vi) measures to minimise potential cumulative traffic impacts with other projects in the area during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works;
 - (vii) measures to minimise potential for conflict with key tourism, cultural and entertainmentrelated events in the LGA, e.g. motorsport events, as far as practicable;
 - (viii) measures to minimise dirt tracked onto the public road network from development -related traffic;
 - (ix) measures for managing light vehicle peak numbers, including employee shuttle bus service, carpooling or ride sharing by employees;
 - details and volume of the employee shuttle bus service, including pick-up and drop-off points and associated parking arrangements for construction workers, and measures to ensure employee use of this service;
 - scheduling of heavy vehicle movements to minimise convoy length or platoons, and to minimise conflict with light vehicles;
 - (xii) proposed responses to local climate conditions that may affect road safety such as fog, dust, wet weather;
 - (xiii) measures to minimise dust generated by construction traffic;
 - (xiv) proposed responses to any emergency repair or maintenance requirements;
 - (xv) a traffic management system for managing heavy vehicles requiring escort;
 - (e) a driver's code of conduct that addresses:
 - (i) driver fatigue;
 - (ii) procedures to ensure that drivers adhere to the designated transport routes and speed limits; and
 - (iii) procedures to ensure that drivers implement safe driving practices;
 - (f) a program to ensure drivers working on the development receive suitable training on the code of conduct and any other relevant obligations under the Traffic Management Plan; and
 - (g) a flood response plan detailing procedures and options for safe access to and from site in the event of flooding.

Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Traffic Management Plan.

LANDSCAPING

Landscape Plan

- C8. Prior to the issue of any construction certificate, the Applicant must update the Landscape Plan submitted as part of the EIS, dated 26 October 2022 to:
 - include details of additional vegetation screening proposed in accordance with condition B5 of this consent;
 - (b) describe measures including:
 - (i) width of planting;

- (ii) density of planting;
- (iii) method of planting, appropriate to the community and function of the planting;
- (iv) timing of planting, considering appropriate seasonal windows to maximise success; and
- (v) maintenance and monitoring requirements including monthly monitoring for the first 12 months and replacement of mortalities for the first 5 years.

The Applicant must update the Landscape Plan in consultation with Council and receivers R4, R5, R7, and R21.

The Applicant must implement the updated Landscape Plan.

Vegetation Buffer

- C9. The Applicant must establish and maintain a vegetation buffer (landscape screening) as described in the EIS and shown in Appendix 4, for the life of the development as outlined in the Landscape Plan, which is required to be updated under conditions B5 and C8. The landscape screening must:
 - (a) be planted prior to commencing construction;
 - (b) be comprised of species that are fast-growing, drought-resilient and endemic to the area;
 - (c) minimise views of the development from receivers R4, R5, R7 and R21 within 5 years of commencing operations;
 - (d) minimise views of the development from the locally significant heritage item 'Woodside' within 5 years of commencing operations;
 - be designed and maintained in accordance with RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 (or equivalent); and
 - (f) be properly and actively maintained by the Applicant with appropriate weed management and replacement of failed plantings

unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.

Visual Screening

C10. Within 5 years of the commencement of planting of on-site landscape screening, the owners of R4, R5, R7, and R21 may request in writing that the Applicant establish landscape screening on the receiver's land to further minimise visual impacts.

Upon receipt of a written request from the owner of R4, R5, R7, or R21, the Applicant must implement reasonable and feasible landscape screening in consultation with any of the owners making the request.

The vegetation screening must:

- (c) be wholly contained within the receivers property;
- (d) consist of native species that facilitate the screening of the view of the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure from within the receivers property;
- (e) be implemented within 12 months of receiving the written request unless the Secretary agrees otherwise; and
- (f) be properly maintained with appropriate weed management for a period of 5 years.

If the Applicant and owner making the request cannot agree on the measures to be implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Planning Secretary for resolution.

Land Management

- C11. The Applicant must maintain the agricultural land capability of the site, including:
 - establishing the ground cover of the site within 3 months following the completion of any construction or upgrading work;
 - (b) properly maintaining the ground cover with appropriate perennial species and weed management;and
 - (c) maximising current and future opportunities for dual land use as far as practicable, including maintaining the capability to graze and crop within the development footprint.

Visual

- C12. The Applicant must:
 - (a) limit the angle of solar panel backtracking to a minimum of 4 degrees;
 - (b) minimise the off-site visual impacts of the development, including the potential for any glare or reflection;

- (c) ensure the visual appearance of all ancillary infrastructure (including paint colours) blends in as far as possible with the surrounding landscape; and
- (d) not mount any advertising signs or logos on site, except where this is required for identification or safety purposes.

Lighting

- C13. The Applicant must:
 - (a) minimise the off-site lighting impacts of the development; and
 - (b) ensure that any external lighting associated with the development:
 - is installed as low intensity lighting (except where required for safety or emergency purposes);
 - (ii) does not shine above the horizontal; and
 - (iii) complies with Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4282:2019 Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting, or the latest version.

BIODIVERSITY

Vegetation Clearance

C14. The Applicant must not clear any native vegetation or fauna habitat located outside the approved disturbance areas described in the EIS.

Biodiversity Offsets

- C15. Prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the biodiversity values requiring offset, the Applicant must retire biodiversity credits of a number and class specified in Table 1. The retirement of these credits must be carried out in accordance with the NSW *Biodiversity Offsets Scheme* and can be achieved by:
 - (a) acquiring or retiring 'biodiversity credits' within the meaning of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;
 - (b) making payments into an offset fund that has been developed by the NSW Government; and/or
 - (c) funding a biodiversity conservation action that benefits the entity impacted and is listed in the ancillary rules of the biodiversity offset scheme.

Table 1. Species Credit Requirements

Table II openies Great Requirements		
Species	Credits Required	
Southern Myotis (Myotis macropus)	4	
Superb Parrot (Polytelis swainsonii)	4	

C16. Prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the biodiversity values requiring offset, the Applicant must provide evidence to the Planning Secretary that biodiversity credits have been retired.

Biodiversity Management Plan

- C17. Prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact biodiversity values, the Applicant must prepare a Biodiversity Management Plan for the development in consultation with BCS, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in accordance with the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (dated 4 November 2023);
 - (b) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - (i) protecting vegetation and fauna habitat outside the approved disturbance areas;
 - (ii) managing and enhancing the remnant vegetation and fauna habitat on site;
 - (iii) minimising clearing and avoiding unnecessary disturbance of vegetation that is associated with the construction and operation of the development;
 - (iv) minimising the impacts to fauna on site and implementing fauna management protocols;
 - avoiding the removal of hollow-bearing trees during spring to avoid the main breeding period for hollow-dependent fauna;
 - (vi) rehabilitating and revegetating temporary disturbance areas with native species that are appropriate to the site's ecology and conditions;
 - (vii) maximising the salvage of vegetative and soil resources within the approved disturbance

- area for beneficial reuse in the enhancement or the rehabilitation of the site; and
- (viii) controlling weeds, feral pests and pathogens;
- (c) include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of mitigation measures and report to BCS following each annual reporting window;
- (d) include an incidental threatened species finds protocol to identify the avoid and/or minimise and/or offset options to be implemented if additional threatened species are discovered on site; and
- (e) include details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan.

Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Biodiversity Management Plan

AMENITY

Construction, Upgrading and Decommissioning Hours

- C18. Unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant may only undertake road upgrades, construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site between:
 - (a) 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday;
 - (b) 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays; and
 - (c) at no time on Sundays and NSW public holidays.

Exceptions to Construction Hours

- C19. The following activities may be carried out outside the hours specified in condition C16 above:
 - (a) the delivery or dispatch of materials as requested by the NSW Police Force or other public authorities for safety reasons; or
 - (b) emergency work to avoid the loss of life, property or prevent material harm to the environment.

Variation of Construction Hours

- C20. The hours of construction activities specified in condition C16 of this approval may be varied with the prior written approval of the Planning Secretary. Any request to alter the hours of construction must be:
 - (a) considered on a case-by-case or activity-specific basis;
 - (b) accompanied by details of the nature and justification for activities to be conducted during the varied construction hours;
 - (c) accompanied by written evidence that appropriate consultation with potentially affected sensitive receivers and notification of Council (and other relevant authorities) has been and will be undertaken;
 - (d) accompanied by evidence that all feasible and reasonable noise mitigation measures will be put in place; and
 - (e) accompanied by a noise impact assessment consistent with the requirements of the *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (DECC, 2009), or latest version.

Noise

- C21. The Applicant must:
 - (a) minimise the noise generated by any construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site
 in accordance with best practice requirements outlined in the *Interim Construction Noise Guideline*(DECC, 2009) or its latest version;
 - (b) ensure that the noise generated by the operation of the development during the night does not exceed 35 dB(A) L_{Aeq, 15min} at any non-associated residence to be determined in accordance with the procedures in the *NSW Noise Policy for Industry* (EPA, 2017); and
 - (c) identify appropriate, feasible and reasonable respite and repose periods in consultation with the landowners of receivers R2, R3, R4, R5, R44b and R44c for construction works conducted within 700m of dwellings on these properties.

Dust

C22. The Applicant must ensure all activities occurring at the Site and during road upgrades are carried out in a manner that minimises dust, including the emission of wind-blown or traffic generated dust.

HERITAGE

Protection of Heritage Items

- C23. The Applicant must:
 - ensure the development does not cause any direct or indirect impacts on the Aboriginal heritage item Glanmire-CMT-01 (refer to Appendix 7) identified in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (dated 05 October 2022) or any Aboriginal heritage items located outside the approved development footprint;
 - (b) ensure Glanmire-ISO-01 is salvaged and relocated in consultation with RAP(s) in accordance with the Code of Practice of archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW, 2010);
 - (c) ensure the workers are made aware of the locations of the cultural heritage sites and their protection under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* as part of an induction; and
 - (d) erect a high-visibility temporary fence around Glanmire-CMT-01 with a minimum two-metre buffer from the dripline of the tree, during construction, upgrading and/or decommissioning of the development.

Heritage Management Plan

- C24. Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary in writing;
 - (b) be prepared in consultation with Aboriginal Stakeholders and Heritage NSW;
 - (c) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - protecting the Aboriginal heritage items identified in condition C23, including fencing off the Aboriginal heritage items prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the heritage items;
 - salvaging and relocating the Aboriginal heritage items located within the approved development footprint, as identified in condition C23;
 - (iii) a contingency plan and reporting procedure if:
 - · previously unidentified heritage items are found; or
 - Aboriginal skeletal material is discovered;
 - (iv) ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions;
 - (v) ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan;
 - (d) include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any heritage impacts of the project.

Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan.

SOIL AND WATER

Water Supply

C25. The Applicant must ensure that it has sufficient water for all stages of the development, including water required for dust suppression, bush fire protection and the establishment and maintenance of vegetation screening.

Note: Under the Water Act 1912 and/or the Water Management Act 2000, the Applicant is required to obtain the necessary water licences for the development.

Water Pollution

C26. The Applicant must ensure that the development does not cause any water pollution, as defined under Section 120 of the POEO Act.

Operating Conditions

- C27. The Applicant must:
 - (a) minimise erosion and control sediment generation;
 - (b) ensure any solar panels and ancillary infrastructure and any other land disturbance associated with the construction, upgrading or decommissioning of the development have appropriate drainage and erosion and sediment controls designed, installed and maintained in accordance with

- Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004) and the Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and construction Volume 2A manual (Landcom, 2008), or their latest versions;
- ensure the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure (including security fencing) are designed, constructed and maintained to reduce impacts on surface water, localised flooding and groundwater at the site;
- (d) ensure the development does not cause any increased water being diverted off the site or alter hydrology off site;
- (e) ensure the development is designed, constructed and maintained to avoid causing any erosion on site; and
- (f) ensure all works within waterfront land are undertaken in accordance with *Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land* (DPE, 2022).

Soil and Water Management Plan

- C28. Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare a Soil and Water Management Plan for the development in consultation with DPE Water. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons, and fully reflect current and expected hydrological conditions;
 - (b) include a description of the measures that would be implemented to ensure that the objectives of condition C27 (a) (f) above are achieved;
 - (c) include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures, including regularly making monitoring results and reports publicly available on the Applicant's website; and
 - (d) include details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan, and timeframes for completion of actions.

Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must implement the Soil and Water Management Plan.

HAZARDS

Fire Safety Study

- C29. Prior to commencing construction of the battery storage facility, the Applicant must prepare a Fire Safety Study for the development, to the satisfaction of FRNSW and the Planning Secretary in writing. The study must:
 - (a) be consistent with the Department's *Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 2 'Fire Safety Study' guideline*;
 - (b) describe the final design of the battery storage;
 - (c) include reasonable worst-case fire scenario to and from the battery storage and the associated fire management; and
 - (d) identify measures to eliminate the expansion of any fire incident including:
 - (i) adequate fire safety systems and appropriate water supply;
 - (ii) separation and / or compartmentalisation of battery units; and
 - (iii) strategies and incident control measures specific to the battery storage design.

Following approval by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must implement the measures described in the Fire Safety Study.

Note: 'to the satisfaction of FRNSW' above means confirmation in writing from FRNSW that the Study meets the requirements of FRNSW as required by the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 2 'Fire Safety Study' guideline.

Storage and Handling of Dangerous Materials

- C30. The Applicant must store and handle all chemicals, fuels and oils used on-site in accordance with:
 - (a) the requirements of all relevant Australian Standards; and
 - (b) the NSW EPA's Storing and Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection Participants Handbook if the chemicals are liquids.

In the event of an inconsistency between the requirements listed from (a) and (b) above, the most stringent requirement must prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Operating Conditions

- C31. The Applicant must:
 - (a) minimise the fire risks of the development, including managing vegetation fuel loads on-site;
 - (b) ensure that the development:
 - (i) complies with the relevant asset protection requirements in the RFS's *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019* (or equivalent) and *Standards for Asset Protection Zones*; and
 - (ii) is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site including provision of a 20,000 litre water supply tank(s), fitted with a 65 mm Storz fitting and a FRNSW compatible suction connection with the water level of the tank(s) maintained at an appropriate level, at all times;
 - (c) ensure that the development, including battery storage area:
 - (i) includes a minimum 10 metre defendable space around the perimeter (minimum 20 metres around the substation and transformer) that permits unobstructed vehicle access to assist the RFS and emergency services as much as practicable if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site; and
 - (ii) is managed as an asset protection zone (including the defendable space);
 - (d) assist the RFS and emergency services as much as practicable if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site; and
 - (e) notify the relevant local emergency management committee following construction of the development, and prior to commencing operations.

Emergency Plan

- C32. Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must develop and implement a comprehensive Emergency Plan and detailed emergency procedures for the development and provide a copy of the plan to the local Fire Control Centre and FRNSW. The plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in accordance with the findings of the Fire Safety Study required under Condition C29 of Schedule 2:
 - (b) be consistent with Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 1, 'Emergency Planning' and RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 (or equivalent);
 - (c) include details on how the battery storage and sub-systems can be safely isolated in an emergency;
 - (d) identify the fire risks and hazards and detailed measures for the development to prevent fires igniting:
 - (e) include availability of fire suppression equipment, access and water;
 - (f) detail access provisions for emergency vehicles and contact details for both a primary and alternative site contact who may be reached 24/7 in the event of an emergency;
 - (g) include fire and bushfire emergency management planning, including:
 - (i) details of the location, management and maintenance of the Asset Protection Zone;
 - (ii) a list of works that must not be carried out during a total fire ban;
 - (iii) details of how RFS would be notified, and procedures that would be implemented in the event that:
 - there is a fire on-site or in the vicinity of the site;
 - there are any activities on site that would have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation; or
 - there are any proposed activities to be carried out during a bushfire danger period;
 - (e) detail specific response measures in the case of flood to ensure site safety;
 - (f) describe the specific emergency exit routes to be used in the case of flood and include evidence of access agreements with relevant landowners (e.g. right of carriageway); and
 - (g) include an Emergency Services Information Package in accordance with *Emergency services* information package and tactical fire plan (FRNSW, 2019), to the satisfaction of FRNSW and RFS.

- C33. The Applicant must:
 - (a) implement the Emergency Plan and Emergency Services Information Package for the duration of the development; and
 - (b) following commencement of commissioning of the battery storage, keep two copies of the Emergency Plan and Emergency Services Information Package on-site in a prominent position adjacent to the site entry points at all times.

WASTE

- C34. The Applicant must:
 - (a) minimise the waste generated by the development;
 - (b) classify all waste generated on site in accordance with the EPA's *Waste Classification Guidelines* 2014 (or its latest version);
 - (c) store and handle all waste on site in accordance with its classification;
 - (d) not receive or dispose of any waste on site; and
 - (e) remove all waste from the site as soon as practicable, and ensure it is reused, recycled or sent to an appropriately licensed waste facility for disposal (in consultation with Council for use of Council waste facilities and any other relevant licensed facilities likely to receive the waste).

ACCOMMODATION AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

- C35. Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare an Accommodation and Employment Strategy for the development. This strategy must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with Council and informed by consultation with local accommodation and employment service providers;
 - (b) propose measures to ensure there is sufficient accommodation for the workforce associated with the development, i.e. consider and minimise potential conflicts with key tourism, cultural and entertainment-related events in the LGA, e.g. motorsport events, as far as practicable
 - (c) consider the cumulative impacts associated with other State significant development projects in the area:
 - (d) investigate options for prioritising the employment of local workers for the construction and operation of the development, where feasible;
 - (e) give consideration to strategies that leave a positive community legacy and maximise local economic contribution; and
 - (f) include a program to monitor and review the effectiveness of the strategy over the life of the development, including regular monitoring and review during construction.

The Applicant must provide a copy of the Accommodation and Employment Strategy to the Planning Secretary a minimum of 6 months prior to commencement of construction and implement the plan throughout construction.

DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION

- C36. Within 3 years of the commencement of operation, the Applicant must prepare a Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan for the development which shall be updated by the Applicant half-way through the operational life of the project (or within 20 years of the commencement of operation, whichever occurs first), and within 2 years prior to decommissioning. The plan must:
 - (a) include detailed completion criteria for evaluating compliance with the rehabilitation objectives in Table 2 below:
 - (a) describe the measures that would be implemented to:
 - (i) decommission the development and rehabilitate the site in accordance with the objectives in Table 2;
 - (ii) minimise and manage the waste generated by the decommissioning of the development;
 - (iii) include a program to monitor and report on the implementation of these measures against the detailed completion criteria; and
 - (iv) ensure that best practice is being employed in respect of available recycling technologies.

The Applicant must provide a copy of the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan to the Planning Secretary a minimum of 6 months prior to decommissioning.

C37. Within 18 months of the cessation of operations, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the

Applicant must rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This rehabilitation must comply with the objectives in Table 2.

Table 2. Rehabilitation Objectives

Feature	Objective
Site	 Safe, stable and non-polluting Minimise the visual impact of any above ground ancillary infrastructure agreed to be retained.
Solar farm and ancillary infrastructure	All infrastructure including above and below ground to be decommissioned and removed with the exception of: the sub-station and any infrastructure essential for its ongoing use, and any ancillary infrastructure to be retained with agreement of the landholder where it facilitates the future post-operational use of the land.
Land use	 Restore land capability to pre-existing productive capacity as identified in the 'Glanmire Solar Farm: Soil, land and agricultural impact assessment'. Report No. MS-103: Prepared for NGH Consulting Pty Ltd by Minesoils Pty Ltd, dated August 2023 Vegetation screening implemented under this consent is to be retained unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.
Community	Ensure public safety at all times

PART D ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management Strategy

- D1. Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare an Environmental Management Strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This strategy must:
 - (a) provide the strategic framework for environmental management of the development;
 - (b) identify the statutory approvals that apply to the development;
 - describe the role, responsibility, authority and accountability of all key personnel involved in the environmental management of the development;
 - (d) describe the procedures that would be implemented to:
 - keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the operation and environmental performance of the development;
 - (ii) receive, handle, respond to, and record complaints;
 - (iii) resolve any disputes that may arise;
 - (iv) respond to any non-compliance;
 - (v) respond to emergencies; and
 - (e) include:
 - references to any strategies, plans and programs approved under the conditions of this consent; and
 - (ii) a clear plan depicting all the monitoring to be carried out in relation to the development.

Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Environmental Management Strategy.

Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs

- D2. The Applicant must:
 - update the strategies, plans or programs required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary prior to carrying out any upgrading or decommissioning activities on site; and
 - (b) review and, if necessary, revise the strategies, plans or programs required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary within 1 month of the:
 - (i) submission of an incident report under condition D10 of Schedule 2;
 - (i) submission of an audit report under condition D14 of Schedule 2; or
 - (ii) any modification to the conditions of this consent.

Updating and Staging of Strategies, Plans or Programs

- D3. With the approval of the Planning Secretary, the development may be staged and the Applicant may:
 - (a) prepare and submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a staged basis (if a clear description is provided as to the specific stage and scope of the development to which the strategy, plan or program applies, the relationship of the stage to any future stages and the trigger for updating the strategy, plan or program);
 - (b) combine any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (if a clear relationship is demonstrated between the strategies, plans or programs that are proposed to be combined); and
 - (c) update any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (to ensure the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent are updated on a regular basis and incorporate additional measures or amendments to improve the environmental performance of the development).
- D4. If the Planning Secretary agrees, a strategy, plan or program may be staged or updated without consultation being undertaken with all parties required to be consulted in the relevant condition in this consent.
- D5. If approved by the Planning Secretary, updated strategies, plans or programs supersede the previous versions of them and must be implemented in accordance with the condition that requires the strategy, plan or program.
- D6. If the Planning Secretary agrees, a strategy, plan or program may be staged without addressing particular requirements of the relevant condition of this consent if those requirements are not applicable to the particular stage.

NOTIFICATIONS

Notification of Department and Council

D7. Prior to commencing the construction, operations, upgrading or decommissioning of the development or the cessation of operations, the Applicant must notify the Department and Council in writing via the Major Projects website portal of the date of commencement, or cessation, of the relevant phase.

If any of these phases of the development are to be staged, then the Applicant must notify the Department in writing prior to commencing the relevant stage, and clearly identify the development that would be carried out during the relevant stage.

Final Layout Plans

D8. Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must submit detailed plans of the final layout of the development to the Department via the Major Projects website, including details on the siting of solar panels and ancillary infrastructure.

The Applicant must ensure that the development is constructed in accordance with the Final Layout Plans.

Work as Executed Plans

D9. Prior to commencing operations or following the upgrades of any solar panels or ancillary infrastructure, the Applicant must submit work as executed plans of the development to the Department via the Major Projects website.

Incident Notification

D10. The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website immediately after the Applicant becomes aware of an incident. The notification must identify the development (including the development application number and the name of the development if it has one) and set out the location and nature of the incident. Subsequent notification requirements must be given, and reports submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 8.

Non-Compliance Notification

- D11. The Department must be notified via the Major Projects website portal within seven days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance.
- D12. A non-compliance notification must identify the development and the application number for it, set out the condition of consent that the development is non-compliant with, the way in which it does not comply and the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been, or will be, undertaken to address the non-compliance.
- D13. A non-compliance which has been notified as an incident does not need to also be notified as a non-compliance.

INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

- D14. Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020) to the following frequency:
 - (a) within 3 months of commencing construction; and
 - (b) within 3 months of commencement of operations.
- D15. Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit.
- D16. The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition D14 of Schedule 2 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant at the date upon which the audit must be commenced.
- D17. In accordance with the specific requirements in the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020), the Applicant must:
 - review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition D14 of Schedule 2 of this consent, or condition D16 of Schedule 2 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary;
 - (b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and
 - (c) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the Planning Secretary.

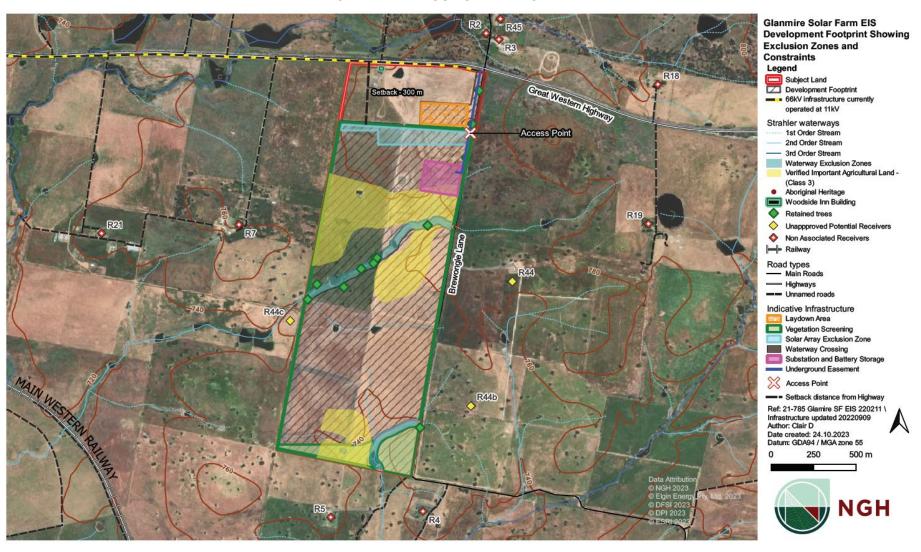
- D18. Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020) unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.
- D19. Notwithstanding the requirements of the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020), the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

D20. The Applicant must:

- (a) make the following information publicly available on its website as relevant to the stage of the development:
 - (i) the EIS;
 - (ii) the final layout plans for the development;
 - (iii) current statutory approvals for the development;
 - (iv) approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of this consent (other than the Fire Safety Study and Emergency Plan);
 - the proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation or decommissioning of the development is to be staged;
 - (vi) how complaints about the development can be made;
 - (vii) a complaints register;
 - (viii) compliance reports;
 - (ix) any independent environmental audit, and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit; and
 - (x) any other matter required by the Planning Secretary; and
- (b) keep this information up to date.

APPENDIX 1: GENERAL LAYOUT OF DEVELOPMENT

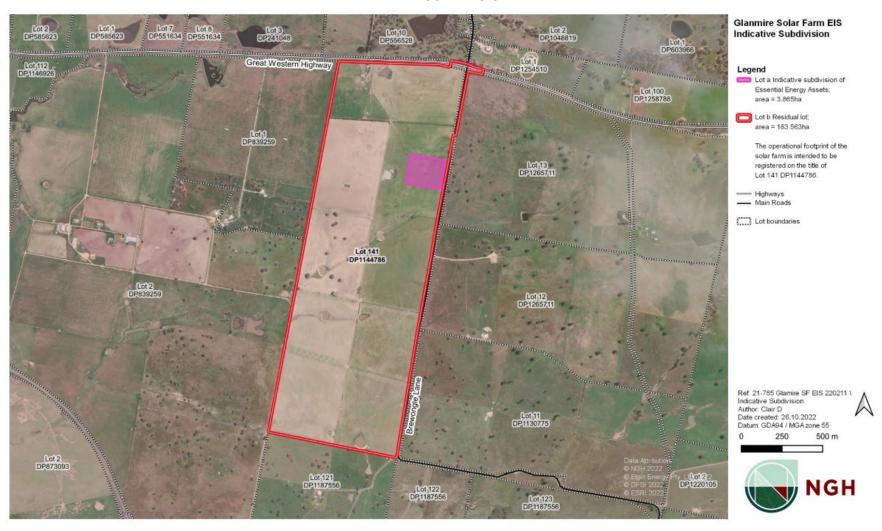


APPENDIX 2: SCHEDULE OF LANDS

Lot Number	Deposited Plan (DP)
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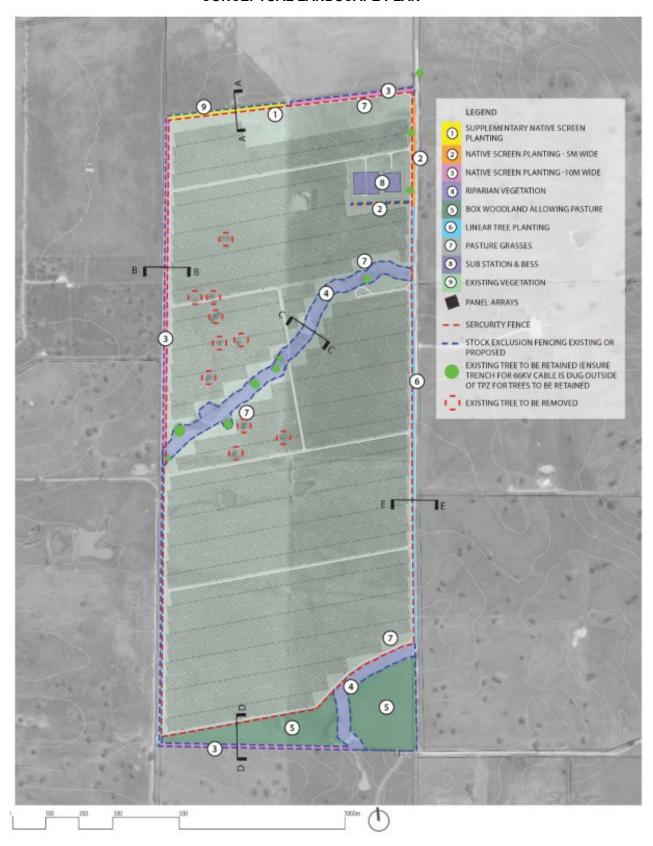
Note: The project site will also be taken to include any Crown land and road reserves contained within the site.

APPENDIX 3: INDICATIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN



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APPENDIX 4: CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN



APPENDIX 5: GENERAL TERMS OF APPLICANT'S VPA OFFER

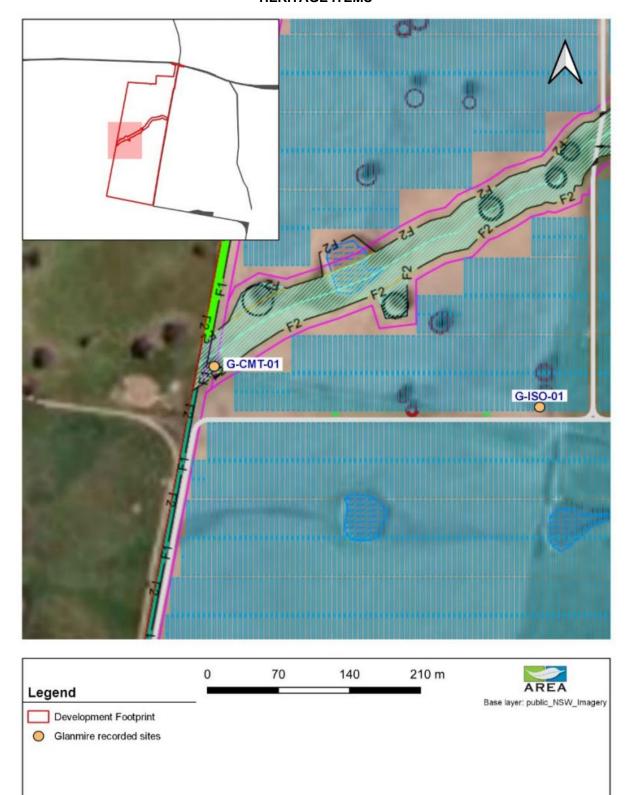
The VPA must include provisions for the payment, collection, management and distribution of the contributions under the agreement, with a focus on funding community enhancement in the area surrounding the project site.

Council	Payment Details
Bathurst Regional Council	Payment of \$18,000.00 annually for the life of the project.
	First instalment to be paid within 7 days of the date of commencement of operation provided in the notice required under condition D7 of this consent, or as otherwise agreed and provided in the VPA.

APPENDIX 6: ROAD UPGRADES AND SITE ACCESS

Road	Location	Upgrade Requirements
Brewongle Lane	Between the Great Western	Sealing the road to a Rural Roadway in
	Highway and the access point identified in	accordance with the requirements of Section 2 Of Council's <i>Guidelines for</i>
	Appendix 1.	Engineering Works.

APPENDIX 7: HERITAGE ITEMS



APPENDIX 8: INCIDENT NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

WRITTEN INCIDENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A written incident notification addressing the requirements set out below must be submitted to the Planning Secretary via the Major Projects website within seven days after the Applicant becomes aware of an incident. Notification is required to be given under this condition even if the Application fails to give the notification required under condition D7 of Schedule 2 or, having given such notification, subsequently forms the view that an incident has not occurred.
- 2. Written notification of an incident must:
 - (a) identify the development and application number;
 - (b) provide details of the incident (date, time, location, a brief description of what occurred and why it is classified as an incident);
 - (c) identify how the incident was detected;
 - (d) identify when the applicant become aware of the incident;
 - (e) identify any actual or potential non-compliance with conditions of consent;
 - (f) describe what immediate steps were taken in relation to the incident;
 - (g) identify further action(s) that will be taken in relation to the incident; and
 - (h) identify a project contact for further communication regarding the incident.
- 3. Within 30 days of the date on which the incident occurred or as otherwise agreed to by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must provide the Planning Secretary and any relevant public authorities (as determined by the Planning Secretary) with a detailed report on the incident addressing all requirements below, and such further reports as may be requested.
- 4. The incident report must include:
 - (a) a summary of the incident;
 - (b) outcomes of an incident investigation, including identification of the cause of the incident;
 - (c) details of the corrective and preventative actions that have been, or will be, implemented to address the incident and prevent recurrence; and
 - (d) details of any communication with other stakeholders regarding the incident.