



New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

SITE INSPECTION & LOCALITY TOUR NOTES

Project: New England Solar Farm
Meeting Location: Project Site and N1
Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2020
Time: 8:00am - 11:45am

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members: Andrew Hutton (Chair)
Prof Zada Lipman
Prof Snow Barlow

Commission Secretariat: Brad James Senior Planning Officer
Kym Statham Event Support Officer
Callum Firth Student Planner

Applicant: Killian Wentrup Head of Solar Development (UPC)
Tim Kirk Project Development Manager (UPC)
Tim Greenaway New England Solar Farm Project Director (UPC)
Anton Rohner Director & CEO Australia (UPC)
David Richards Environmental Scientist (EMM)

Community: Landholder N1 Non-Project Related Residence

LOCATIONS & KEY FEATURES

1) N1 Non-Project Related Residence

The Panel observed the existing development and land uses at N1. The N1 landholder also clarified the intended potential agro-tourism use of their property. The Panel viewed the Project Site from the north-western and southern property boundary, this included views of the temporary height poles put in place by the Applicant for the Site Inspection.

2) Rail Line at Western Corner of the Northern Array

The Panel observed the existing rail line which the Applicant has proposed could be utilised for construction purposes. The Applicant stated that they were in consultation with authorities to advance this proposal. The Panel also viewed the temporary height poles put in place by the Applicant.

3) Intersection of Barleyfields Road and New England Highway

The Panel observed the Barleyfields Road and New England Highway intersection. The Applicant clarified the proposed options for shoulder widenings and new dedicated turning lanes on the highway. The Applicant also clarified the proposed road widening and sealing along Barleyfields Road and Big Ridge Road.

4) Viewpoint Location 22 - Hill Top

From this elevated location the Panel was able to obtain a view across the Project area and they observed the proposed footprint of the Northern and Central Array. The Applicant clarified that the battery was likely to be located adjacent to the grid substation. Existing vegetation, dams and HV infrastructure was visible from this location.

5) Munzies Road at Project Boundary

The Panel viewed the south-west corner of the proposed Central Array. The Applicant clarified that landscaping had been considered and offered to non-project related landholders as part of the Project. The site inspection concluded.