

## SITE INSPECTION NOTES

Project: Walla Walla Solar Farm

Meeting Location: Schneiders Road, Walla Walla Date: Thursday, 29 October 2020

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE** 

Commission Members: Andrew Hutton Chair

Prof. Zada Lipman

Office of IPC: Callum Firth Student Planner

Applicant: Mark Love Senior Development Manager, FRV

Tarek Alsampaile Head of Development, FRV Bridgette Poulton Planner, NGH Consulting

Danny Phegan Landholder

Community Members: Steve Pinnuck Greater Hume General Manager

Paul Lowe NSW Farmers Association

## **LOCATIONS & KEY FEATURES**

**Meeting** The Panel met the Applicant and community members at the meeting point to discuss the route plan and COVID-19 safety measures for the site inspection.

- 1 The Panel stopped inside the gate of the proposed site to the paddock to observed the vegetation along Back Creek which is proposed to be retained.
- The Panel stopped near Stop A to view a 4-metre height pole from the field which represented the highest point of the proposed solar panels. The Panel looked back across the area which had been removed from the proposal as well as up to R5 (Orange Grove) and to the area where landscaping is proposed.
- The Panel drove the route of the proposed crossing of Back Creek to observe the proposed buffer with the permanent riparian corridor.
- The Panel observed the proposed site access point on Benambra Road at Stop B. The party discussed decommissioning and rehabilitation as well as the Applicant's construction management plan along with the proposed agri-solar grazing opportunities for the site.
- The Panel stopped at Point C to observe the setback and landscaping strip from the edge of the array between R1a and R1b along with the proposed landscape planting before driving along Benambra road to Stop D.

The Panel stopped at Stop D to view the closest point of the site to R2. The Panel also viewed the location of the substation which would give the site access to the 330 kV transmission line.

Orange The Panel travelled separately to R5, known as Orange Grove, to view the site from that perspective.

The landholder stated that the visual impact, dust and glare as the key impact of the proposed development.

R2 On Friday 30 October, the Panel returned to the site to inspect the proposal from the perspective of R2

## SITE INSPECTION MAP

