

Wollar Solar Farm Independent Environmental Audit - SSD 9254

Commencement of Construction

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Wollar Solar Development Pty Ltd (WSD), a subsidiary of Beijing Energy International (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd (BJEI), is the proponent for the Wollar Solar Farm (WSF). WSF was approved for development pursuant to the conditions of State Significant Development Approval 9254 (the consent). The consent was most recently modified by Modification 3, determined 23 August 2022.

Condition 9 of Schedule 4 of the consent requires that an Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) of the development is undertaken within 3 months of commencing construction. This audit must:

- Be prepared in accordance with the relevant Independent Audit Post Approval requirements (DPE 2020);
- Be led and conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary in writing;
- Be carried out in consultation with the relevant agencies;
- Assess whether the development complies with the relevant requirements in the Project Approval, and any strategy, plan or program required under the approval; and
- Recommend appropriate measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the development and any strategy, plan or program required under this consent.

The purpose of this report is to fulfil the requirements of Condition 9 of the consent.

The project is divided into several stages, as follows:

Stage	Description	Works Performed by	Status
Stage 1: Upgrade of Barigan Road	Upgrade of unsealed Council Road	Council was engaged as contractor	Completed at the start of 2021
Stage 2: Northern Access Road	Development of a road across private land to allow access to the solar farm	Sunterra (head contractor) SEPD (sub-contractor)	Commenced August 2021 – completed December 2021
Stage 3A: TransGrid Substation	Development of the substation that will allow connection of the solar farm to the electricity transmission network.	Downer on behalf of TransGrid	Commenced December 2021 – reached Practical Completion in April 2023 (with the exception of a few minor items)
Stage 3B: Solar Farm	Development of the solar arrays and associated infrastructure.	SEPD (head contractor) Sunterra (sub-contractor)	Construction commenced 20 February 2023
Stage 4: Upgrades to Barigan Road south and Maree River Road	Another 2km of Barigan Rd that would need to be upgraded and then new access	(TBC if required)	Yet to be pursued

The consent also allows provision for the construction of a battery system, however that is not being pursued currently.

It is noted that while Condition 9 requires that the IEA is undertaken within 3 months of commencing construction, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary in writing. The Department of Planning (the Department) agreed in writing that for the purpose of the IEA, commencement of construction is considered to be the commencement of Stage 3B so that the IEA can consider the development of the solar farm itself. Evidence of this agreement was sighted as part of the IEA.

1.2 Audit Team

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1.3 Audit Objectives

The key audit objective was to assess compliance with Development Consent SSD9254 – as most recently modified by Modification 3.

1.4 Audit Scope

The scope of the audit was:

- Assessment of compliance with:
 - The conditions of consent that are applicable to this phase of the project (construction commencement)
 - Post approval compliance documents
- A review of the environmental performance of the development
- The status of implementation of previous Independent Audit findings, recommendations and actions
- Assessment (high-level) of whether Environmental Management Plans and Sub-plans are adequate

1.5 Audit Period

The audit period includes from the commencement of construction to the commencement of the audit interviews (8 May 2023).

2 Audit Methodology

The following sections describe the methodology applied to the IEA, including the Auditor, audit scope, compliance evaluation, audit interviews and site inspections.

2.1 Endorsement of Auditor

Melody Valentine, of Beca Pty Ltd, was engaged by BJEI Australia as the Auditor for the IEA.

The Planning Secretary's agreement to Melody's appointment as the Auditor was provided on 02 May 2023, as per the communications attached at Appendix A.

2.2 Development of Audit Scope

The scope of the audit was developed with consideration to:

- The conditions of the Development Consent
- The approved Environmental Management Strategy
- The project environmental impact assessment
- The guidance of the 'Independent Audit – Post Approval Requirements' DPE 2020

2.3 Compliance Evaluation

A comprehensive audit checklist was developed to allow individual review of each of the compliance requirements. The audit checklist included the conditions of Consent, as well as the key requirements of the project's Environmental Management Strategy (EMS), and the plans required under the consent. Where any EMS/plan requirements mimic the consent condition, they have not been included in the checklist. Where requirements of the EMS/sub-plans were not relevant to the current project stage, they were not included in the checklist. Each item on the checklist was reviewed and evaluated to assess whether the development is compliant with respect to that item. Wherever possible evidence to support the evaluation was sought. The audit checklist is contained in Appendix B.

As well as the completion of the audit checklist, the audit process also included:

- A review of the environmental performance of the development by way of a comparison of key impacts predicted by the EIS with actual impacts of the project, so far.
- The status of implementation of previous audit findings, recommendations and actions.
- A high-level assessment of whether the EMS and its sub-plans meet the requirements of the project approval and provide a framework for managing impacts in accordance with those predicted in the EIS.

2.4 Audit Interviews

The following personnel were involved in the audit interview and/or site visit:

- Duncan Upton – Proponent Lead Project Manager
- Bernie James – Proponent Site Representative
- Stuart Miller – Proponent Project Manager
- Jingqi Zhang – Proponent Assistant Project Manager
- Aileen Waldron – Owner's Engineer Project Manager
- Shani Walton – Owner's Engineer Environment Lead
- Jeff Hilder – Contractor Site/Construction Manager
- Ross Tabaie – Subcontractor Project Manager
- Tony Westrip – Subcontractor WHS Manager

Philip Jacka (Subcontractor Environment Manager) was not available for the audit period. As he had only been appointed to the role three weeks prior to the audit, and as Tony Westrip previously held the responsibilities on the Subcontractor Environment Manager, it was considered that the absence of Philip Jacka would not compromise achievement of the objectives or scope of the audit.

Interviews were conducted via an online meeting held Monday 8 May 2023 and during the site visit on Thursday 11 May 2023.

2.5 Site Inspections

A site inspection was undertaken on Thursday 11 May 2023. The site visit included the site offices, vehicle maintenance areas and chemical storage areas (which are all adjacent the substation), the northern access and construction area.

The construction is currently divided into two main areas, the area west of Spring Flat Creek and the area east of Spring Flat Creek.

The eastern construction area was observed via vehicle. Observation of the construction perimeter fence was undertaken, as far as it was accessible due to topography restriction and avoidance of areas for which disturbance is being avoided.

The western construction area was viewed from a distance via vantage points in the eastern area, it was not accessible at the time of the audit. The construction perimeter fencing has been established around the western construction area, although it is not an active work area and access to it across Spring Flat Creek is currently discouraged to avoid premature disturbance.

Brief inspection was also undertaken of the roads in the local area that were required to be upgraded as a condition of the Development Approval.

While the substation yard was not accessed during the site visit (due to health and safety measures), the area was clearly visible from the substation perimeter fencing.

2.6 Consultation

Consultation with regard to the environmental performance of the project was undertaken via email with the following agencies and other stakeholders:

- The Department of Planning
- Local Aboriginal Lands Council
- Biodiversity and Conservation Division
- Transport for New South Wales
- Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- DPIE Water
- Mid-Western Regional Council
- Heritage NSW
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Rural Fire Service

The outcome of this consultation is discussed in section 3.8. Copies of the invitation for feedback and the responses is attached at Appendix D.

2.7 Compliance Descriptors

The meanings of compliance status descriptors, as used in this document is set out in Table 1.

Table 1 - Compliance Descriptor Meanings

Status	Description
Compliant	The auditor has collected sufficient verifiable evidence to demonstrate that all elements of the requirement have been complied with within the scope
Non-compliant	The auditor has determined that one or more specific elements of the conditions or requirements have not been complied with within the scope of the audit.
Not triggered	A requirement has an activation or timing trigger that has not been met during the temporal scope of the audit being undertaken (may be a retrospective or future requirement), therefore an assessment of compliance is not relevant.

3 Audit Findings

The following sections summarise the audit findings. The detailed audit notes and evidence sighted during the audit are within the audit checklist contained in Appendix B. The auditor's declaration is contained within Appendix E.

3.1 Approvals & Documents List

The following approvals and documents were audited as part of the audit:

- Development Consent SSD9254 – Consolidated consent as most recently modified by Modification 3
- Wollar Solar Farm Environmental Management Strategy, August 2020, v1.5
- Wollar Solar Farm Traffic Management Plan, August 2020
- Wollar Solar Farm Haulage Management Plan; 1-WSF-PLA-0005, Ver C
- Wollar Solar Farm Biodiversity Management Plan, June 2020
- Wollar Solar Farm Cultural Heritage Management Plan, October 2020
- Wollar Solar Farm Accommodation and Employment Strategy September 2022, v4
- Construction Environmental Management Plan, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0006, Rev 3
- Wollar Solar Farm Complaints Handling Procedure, June 2022

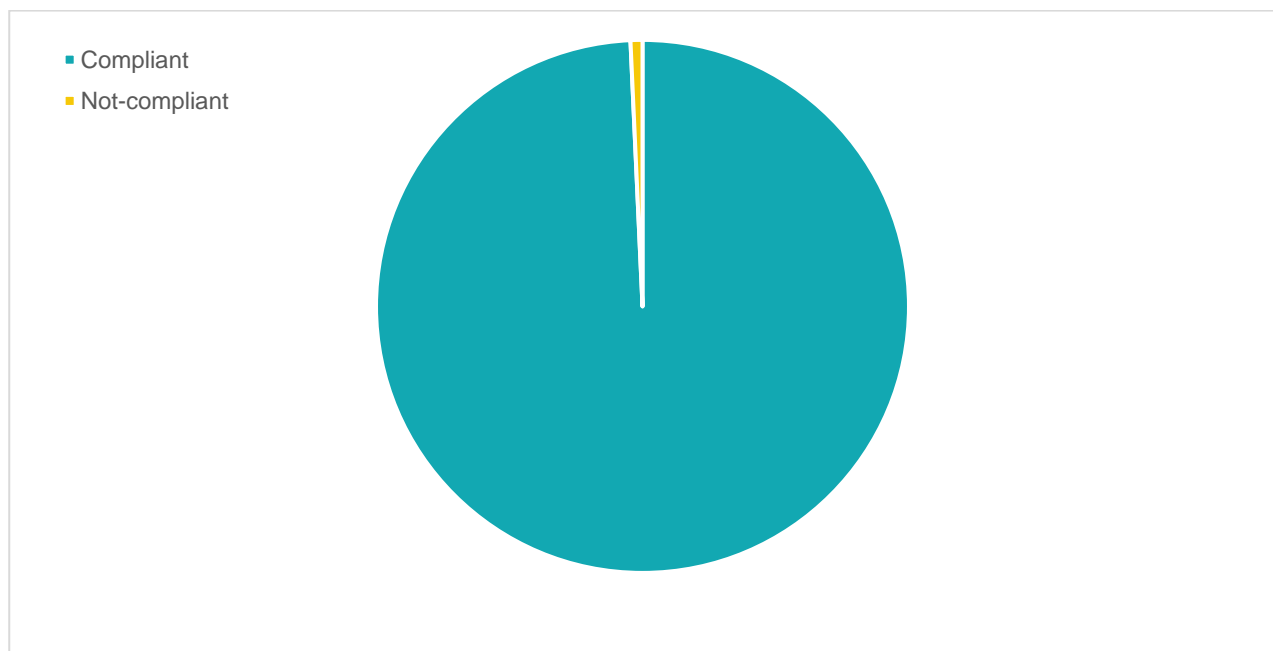
3.2 Assessment of Compliance

A total of 416 unique items were reviews as part of the audit. Three non-compliances were identified.

The following figure provides a visual representation of the number of compliant and non-compliant items.

It is noted that two of the three non-compliances were addressed during the period between issue of the draft audit report and final audit report. These two items are now considered "closed".

Figure 1. Compliance Summary



3.3 Summary of Notices, Order, Penalty Notices & Prosecutions

No notices, orders, penalty notices or prosecutions were issued in relation to the consent during the audit period.

3.4 Non-Compliances

The following table details the non-compliances were identified during the audit. “Post Audit Notes” summarise progress that has been made on these items since issue of the draft audit report.

Table 2. Details of Non-compliances

ID	Consent / Plan Reference	Requirement	Description	Recommendation
NC1	CoC 13	Prior to commencing development under this consent, the Applicant must retire biodiversity credits of a number and class specified in Table 1 and Table 2 below, to the satisfaction of BCD, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise in writing.	<p>WSD formally notified the Department that a non-compliance with Condition 13 had occurred by way of a letter dated 10 January 2022.</p> <p>The non-conformance related to the biodiversity credits required by Condition 13 were not able to be retired by the Condition 13 timeframe.</p> <p>A letter of response from the Department acknowledged the non-conformance and proposed actions to resolve the matter.</p> <p>During the audit interviews it was reported that WSD continued to pursue establishment of a stewardship site though, as Biodiversity Conservation Trust will not accept a grazing tenancy on the site, WSD has since reverted to purchasing the credits.</p> <p>WSD has sourced the majority of the required credits privately and has submitted the credit transfer request. The balance of the credits (34 for Koala and 50 for Large-eared Pied Bat) will be acquired from the offset fund. WSD reported that this purchase is in progress.</p>	<p>That WSD finalise its purchase of outstanding credits as a matter of priority.</p> <p>Post Audit Note: Since issue of the draft audit report, WSD has completed payment for the balance of credits. WSD has also received approval from DPE for the transfer of the remaining outstanding Ecosystem and Species Offset Credits and is in the process of applying to retire these remaining credits.</p>
NC2	CoC 26	<p>The Applicant must store and handle all chemicals, fuels and oils used on-site in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements of all relevant Australian Standards; and • The NSW EPA’s Storing and 	<p>AS3780 The storage and handling of corrosive substances require that safety data sheets are kept up to date.</p> <p>The NSW EPA’s Storing and Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection – Participants Handbook includes checklists that include “Make sure MSDS for all chemicals are up-to-date and accessible at any time”. It also references the WorkCover NSW Code of Practice for the Storage and Handling of</p>	<p>That the site SDS register and folder be updated with the current safety data sheets.</p> <p>Post Audit Note: Since issue of the draft audit report, the SDS records have been updated. This item is considered CLOSED.</p>

ID	Consent / Plan Reference	Requirement	Description	Recommendation
		<p>Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection – Participants Handbook if the chemicals are liquids.</p>	<p>Dangerous Goods which requires “that a register of hazardous chemicals at the workplace is prepared and kept up to date. The register is a list of the product names of all hazardous chemicals used, handled or stored at the workplace accompanied by the current SDS for each hazardous chemical listed.”</p> <p>While a hazardous chemicals register was sighted during the site visit and all chemicals that were ‘spot-checked’ were on the register, and safety data sheets (SDS) were available, it was noted that several of the accompanying SDS were more than five years old, including some relating to hazardous chemicals.</p> <p>Recommendation: It was also noted that the safety data sheets did not appear to be ordered. It is recommended that they are sorted (perhaps alphabetically or numbered on the reference sheets) to allow prompt identification during an incident.</p>	
NC3	CHMP Section 6	<p>The design must avoid the modified tree (Wollar SF ST 1) and possible modified tree (Wollar SF ST 2). A minimum 15 m buffer must be in place around these trees to prevent any inadvertent impacts to the trees canopy and root systems.</p>	<p>During the site visit it was observed that ST 2 is within the fenced construction area and has fencing established around it. However, it was observed that the fencing around ST 2 was less than 15m from the tree. While it appeared there had not been any disruption to the area within 15m of ST 2, the fact that the set back appeared to be less than 15m from the tree is considered a non-compliance.</p>	<p>That the fencing around ST 2 is relocated to provide a full 15 m buffer ASAP. Prior to relocating the fencing it is recommended that the advice of the heritage consultant be sought to clarify whether fencing is to be 15m from the trunk of the tree or also the fallen limb that lies next to the tree.</p> <p>Post Audit Note: Since issue of the draft audit report WSD has sought advice from the heritage consultant</p>

ID	Consent / Plan Reference	Requirement	Description	Recommendation
				that the fencing should be 15m from the tree trunk. The fencing was relocated during June 2023 and this item is considered CLOSED.

3.5 Previous Audit Recommendations

This is the first independent audit required directly by the conditions of consent.

The findings of bi-annual audits (required by the Environmental Management Strategy) are discussed in section 3.14.

3.6 EMPs, Sub-Plans & Compliance Documents

The following plans are required as a condition of the consent:

- Wollar Solar Farm Environmental Management Strategy, August 2020, v1.5
- Wollar Solar Farm Traffic Management Plan, August 2020
- Wollar Solar Farm Haulage Management Plan; 1-WSF-PLA-0005, Ver C
- Wollar Solar Farm Biodiversity Management Plan, June 2020
- Wollar Solar Farm Cultural Heritage Management Plan, October 2020
- Wollar Solar Farm Accommodation and Employment Strategy September 2022, v4
- Construction Environmental Management Plan, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0006, Rev 3
- Wollar Solar Farm Complaints Handling Procedure, June 2022

These plans were each reviewed during the audit and appeared to meet the requirements of the consent. Each appeared to be under active implementation, and several had been updated since their original issue.

The following additional plans/sub-plans were also sighted during the course of the audit:

- Wollar Solar Farm Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, September 2022, v1
- Wollar Solar Farm Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, WSF-SMC-CI-RPT-0061, 14/04/2023, Rev 01
- Wollar Solar Farm Emergency Preparedness & Response Management Plan, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0005 Rev1a
- Wollar Solar Farm Bushfire Management Plan, April 2022, v1
- Wollar Solar Farm Spill & Contamination Plan, September 2022, v2
- Wollar Solar Farm Flood Emergency Response Plan, September 2022, v2
- Wollar Solar Farm Complaints Register, updated 30 April 2023
- Wollar Solar Farm Community Consultation Plan, June 2020
- Wollar Solar Farm Workforce Transportation Plan – Stage 3a
- Wollar Solar Farm Workforce Transportation Plan – Stage 3b
- Groundcover Management Plan, September 2022, v2

Each of these plans also appeared adequate and to be under active implementation.

During the audit it was noted that the Bushfire Management Plan appears to be in draft, it is recommended that this document is finalised. It is also noted that it was reported that the Community Consultation Plan was undergoing review at the time of the audit.

3.7 Environmental Performance

The audit found that generally the environmental performance of the development is in keeping with the relevant regulatory requirements and legislation.

3.8 Consultation Outcomes

The agencies and organisations outlined in section 2.6 were invited to provide feedback on the environmental performance of the project. The majority of agencies/organisations did not respond to the request, however those that did had no concerns to raise. The following table summarises the feedback that was received.

Table 3. Feedback on Environmental Performance

Agency / Organisation	Feedback
The Department of Planning	No response
Local Aboriginal Lands Council	No response
Biodiversity and Conservation Division	Declined to provide feedback as it is not a function of the branch.
Transport for New South Wales	No response
Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Declined to provide feedback due to limited engagement.
DPIE Water	No response
Mid-Western Regional Council	No specific concerns about the environmental performance of the project.
Heritage NSW	No response
Fire and Rescue NSW	No response
Rural Fire Service	No response

Copies of the invitation for feedback and the responses are attached at Appendix D.

3.9 Complaints

One formal complaint has been received during the audit period. The complaint related to a near-miss between a project related utility vehicle and some cattle that were being moved along Barigan Road. The complaint was raised due to concern for the potential for on-going issues. During the audit interviews it was discussed that driver awareness and limiting speed are addressed in the site induction and have been addressed at several pre-start meetings. The project is also progressing an application for a temporary reduction of the speed limit along Barigan Road.

3.10 Incidents

There have been two environmental incidents reported during the audit period:

- An on-site grass fire – A 5m² grass fire occurred following reflective material on the back of a truck igniting dry grass. The incident report documents that the fire was identified and extinguished quickly, and it did not cause material harm. As a result of the incident, site procedures were reviewed to require that vehicles must be parked on hardstand areas.
- Draining of an on-site dam – An on-site dam (reference 06/07) was drained without an ecologist present. As a result, awareness for site protocols have been raised via issue of an incident report and site meetings. While it was reported that this is not the preferred site practice, and therefore was documented as an incident, it is considered that this event was compliant with the conditions of consent as:

- A pre-clearance check had been undertaken for the site (as per the potential management and mitigation measures included in section 5.1 of the BMP) and no specific requirements were noted prior to draining the dam
- No frogs or other fauna were sighted during the works, therefore a wildlife handler was not required, as per section 7.4 of the BMP.

Review of each incident found that there was an acceptable response and follow-up to each of the reported incidents. Neither of these incidents were assessed to have caused material environmental harm and neither were notifiable to the Department or EPA.

3.11 Actual Versus Predicted Environmental Impacts

The actual project impacts are generally consistent with those identified by the EIS and as refined during the development of management plans. The key differences that were identified were:

- The EIS predicted that a total of 9 hollow bearing trees would be impacted, while the BDAR prepared for the Modification 2 identified a total of 64 trees. The preclearance survey for Stage 3A identified 75 hollow bearing trees, although not all were removed. The overall clearance numbers were generally consistent, taking into account the changes approved by Modification 2. It is recommended that the spatial data captured during the tree clearance surveys is compared with the BDAR data, to check that removal has been consistent with the BDAR.
- Surveys undertaken during the development of the Groundcover Management Plan identified that there has been a significant reduction in weeds at the site, likely due to an increase in rainfall since the original weed surveys.

The physical extent of the development footprint is consistent with that outlined in the EIS and subsequent documents.

3.12 Site Inspection

During the site visit it was observed that, in general, the project was being executed as per the requirements of the conditions of consent, the associated plans and sound environmental management practices, including:

- Sound induction practices
- Information sharing through the use of the site message boards
- The establishment of a waste sorting and storage area
- Spill kits located in high-risk spill areas
- Suitable use of erosion and sediment control mechanisms
- Appropriate use of dust suppression
- Minimal mud tracking on public roads.

The primary observations to the contrary were:

- Several safety data sheets were seen to be out of date (see NC2 in section 3.4)
- The fencing around Aboriginal heritage item ST 2 was less than the 15m required by the CHMP (see NC4 in section 3.4).

A selection of photographs documenting the site visit are attached at Appendix C.

3.13 Site Interviews

Audit interviews were conducted online on Monday 8 May and on-site on Thursday 11 May. The personnel listed in section 2.4 attended the audit interviews. Findings of those interviews are documented in Appendix B.

A range of other evidence was assessed in support of the audit interviews, including:

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Salvage Report, July 2022
- AHIMS site records <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/awssapp/RequestSiteCards.aspx>
- Barigan Road Stage 1 Salvage Clearance Letter Report V1.0, 1 July 2020
- Biannual Audit, 1 February 2023
- Bushfire Management Plan, April 2022, v1
- Certificate of Title Folio: 2/1284867
- Community Consultation Plan, August 2020
- Community Newsletters
- Community Newsletter Mailchimp Report, April 2023
- Complaints Handling Procedure, June 2022
- Complaints Register, updated 30 April 2023
- Construction Certification No. 330.5/2021, dated 9 May 2022
- Construction Cultural Heritage Management Plan, July 2022, v3
- Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, September 2022, v1
- Daily Prestart Notes 04/05/23
- Daily Prestart Notes 02/05/23
- Downer, Environmental Site Audit Tool, 2 August 2022
- Drivers Code of Conduct, August 2020
- Earthworks Layout Plan WSF-SMC-CI-DWG-0219
- Email of 18/11/2021, Haulage plan for stage 3a
- Email of 29/11/2021, Wollar Solar Farm - Final Layout Plan – Onsite substation (Stage 3a)
- Email of 20/09/2022, Wollar OSOM movements
- Email of 21/02/2023, Wollar Solar Farm - Stage 3B Final Layout Plan
- Email of 03/05/2023, Solar Farm Haulage Plan Emergency Preparedness & Response Management Plan, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0005 Rev1a
- Environmental Impact Statement, March 2019, v2.1
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, WSF-SMC-CI-RPT-0061, 14/04/2023, Rev 01
- Flood Emergency Response Plan, September 2022, v2
- Groundcover Management Plan, September 2022, v2
- Ground Disturbance Permit Form
- Ground Disturbance Permits (001, 002, 003)
- Hazardous chemicals register
- Historic aerial photography of 14 May 2015 (Nearmap)
- Incident Investigation Report, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.3
- Incident Report Form, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.2
- Induction Register
- Letter of 16/07/2020, Biodiversity Management Plan
- Letter of 05/08/2020, Traffic Management Plan
- Letter of 10/08/2020, Environmental Management Strategy
- Letter of 25/09/2020, Secretary's Discretion – Road Upgrades
- Letter of 16/10/2020, Accommodation and Employment Strategy
- Letter of 03/11/2020, Heritage Management Plan
- Letter of 29/07/2021, Staging of Development
- Letter of 25/08/2021, Update to Northern Access Road construction timescales
- Letter of 26/11/2021, Notification under Development Consent Schedule 4, Condition 4
- Letter of 30/11/2021 Accommodation and Employment Strategy
- Letter of 10/01/2022, Non-Compliance Notification
- Letter of 24/01/2022, Non-compliance - Failure to secure biodiversity offsets by due date

- Letter of 24/01/2022, Failure to secure biodiversity offsets by due date
- Letter of 25/11/2022, Accommodation and Employment Strategy – Stage 3b
- Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey
- Letter of 16/02/2023, Notification under Development Consent Schedule 4, Condition 4
- Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary
- Monthly Management Site Review, 17/04/2023, WHS- SEPD-FORM-08.4
- Newspaper clipping Dec 2022 – Community event
- Newspaper clipping Feb 2023 – Community event
- NHVR OSOM Exemption Permit – 480049V1
- NHVR OSOM Exemption Permit – 642656V1
- NSW Spatial Map View (viewed 06/05/2023)
- OSOM permits (Permit Number 642656V1, Permit Number 642656V2)
- Overall Earthworks Layout, WSF-SMC-CI-DWG-0219
- Pest & Fauna Sightings, last updated 10/05/23
- Register of Employment Opportunities
- SEPD Incident & Corrective Actions Register, WHS-SEPD-CAR-001
- Site Environmental Checklist, ENV-SEPD-CHK-001, 18/04/2023
- Site Induction Training, v9
- Site Services Quantity Register (28/4/23-5/6/23)
- SMS Notification April 2023
- Spill & Contamination Plan, September 2022, v2
- Stage 1 Salvage Clearance Report
- Stage 2 Salvage Clearance Letter Report and Temporary Fencing V1.0, 11 May 2021
- Stage 3 Salvage Clearance Report
- Toolbox Talk records
- Traffic Control Plan, Barigan Road, 30/03/2023
- Truck Movement Register – 07/02/2023 – 25/05/2023
- Vehicle Hygiene Register
- Waste Management Plan, March 2022
- Wollar Solar Farm project website (<https://wollarsolar.com.au>)
- Workforce Transportation Plan – Stage 3a
- Workforce Transportation Plan – Stage 3b
- WSF-SMC-EL-RPT-0034_0 - AUX CABLE SIZING REPORT

3.14 Previous Annual Review or Compliance Report Recommendations

The EMS includes the requirement for biannual internal audits. Two biannual audits were undertaken during the audit period. Table 4 summarises the actions identified by the biannual audits and the status of each action.

Table 4 - Status of Actions from Previous Audits

Audit	Action	Status
2 August 2022	Recommend next environmental bi-annual audit is arranged and date organised.	The next audit was scheduled and undertaken in February 2023.
	The site Erosion & Sediment Control Plan should be updated to reflect what is occurring on site in the Transmission Line connection area.	The Erosion & Sediment Control Plan has been updated several times since the bi-annual audit, most recently in 2023 and
	Maintenance of Erosion & Sediment Controls as details in Photos – Supporting Evidence.	

Audit	Action	Status
		appeared up-to-date at the time of the audit.
1 February 2023	<p>Communicate to all personnel that any land or vegetation disturbance required an approved Land or Vegetation Disturbance Permit in pre-start meeting or toolbox</p>	<p>During the audit interviews and evidence demonstrated that a robust process was currently in place for ground disturbance and tracking of disturbed areas.</p>
	<p>Schedule 3 Clause 13 No information in the EMS and Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) on biodiversity offsets. Biodiversity offsets payment into Biodiversity Conservation Fund was completed 7 January 2022, however the extension provided was due 31 December 2021. Not all species credit purchased.</p>	<p>As per the description in section 3.4, the matter of biodiversity offsets is still under finalisation. A non-compliance in this regard has been carried forward.</p>
	<p>EPBC Commitment 8 Evidence that the Department was notified of construction of Barigan Road (Stage 1) commencing was not provided.</p>	<p>Evidence of communication of the timing for the Barigan Road upgrade was sighted during the audit along with the proposed staging of the project and notification of commencement of subsequent stages.</p>
	<p>EPBC Commitment 12 No compliance reports were available to view. Reference to Biodiversity Offsets Status Report noted in letter from the Department (24 May 2021), however report not sighted or available to view on the website. Report dated 23 December 2020.</p>	<p>During the audit evidence was sighted to demonstrate that the satisfaction of offset requirements is currently being worked through and had been delayed due to the need to change from a primary strategy of a first part offset site, to one of purchasing credits. A non-compliance in this regard has been carried over.</p>
	<p>General opportunity for improvement Improve record keeping practices and consider implementing digital record system across each stage of the project.</p>	<p>During the audit, record keeping practices appeared sufficient with most record requests readily available. It appeared that digital copies were being maintained.</p>
	<p>General opportunity for improvement Create and implement a compliance tracking system to monitor compliance with project requirements.</p>	<p>During the audit it was reported that key EMS and sub-plan requirements have been translated into audit checklists and monthly reviews. Any items of non-compliance are regularly reviewed and reported on to capture a view of compliance over time.</p>
	<p>Schedule 3 Clause 29 Update Waste Management Plan (WMP) to specify if waste is classified according to EPA guidelines.</p>	<p>The current version of the WMP makes reference to the Waste Classification Guidelines and</p>

Audit	Action	Status
	<p>Schedule 4 Clause 10 Include up-to-date information on website.</p>	<p>states that the project will classify waste into the six waste classes.</p> <p>At the time of the audit, the information on the project website appeared to be up-to-date.</p>

3.15 Improvement Opportunities

The following opportunities for improvement were identified during the audit. A number of items were addressed in the time between issue of the draft and final audit reports, these items are considered and noted “[CLOSED]”:

- Biodiversity
 - The Bushfire Management Plan appears to be in draft, it is recommended that this document is finalised.
 - That the spatial data collected from machinery undertaking ground clearance is periodically overlaid on the vegetation mapping to compare approved clearance areas and the progressive clearance total.
 - Seek ecologist advice on the placement of hollow bearing limbs.
 - Seek ecologist recommendations for the placement of CWD (greater than 200 mm and less than 600mm in diameter).
 - Seek ecologist recommendations for the placement of CWD (greater than 600 mm in diameter).
 - That weed surveys are documented, to allow tracking of weed distribution and proliferation, over time.
 - Organise an independent pest assessment for later in the project as a verification of these inspections.
 - That the gaps under the construction perimeter fence (e.g. under gates) are rectified to make it more difficult for kangaroos and other wildlife to enter the construction area.
 - That all vehicles that have been checked and cleared to work on-site are included on the Vehicle Hygiene Register. [CLOSED]
- Chemical storage
 - That the safety data sheets did not appear to be ordered. It is recommended that they are sorted (perhaps alphabetically or numbered on the reference sheets) to allow prompt identification during an incident. [CLOSED]
- Waste management
 - That the disposal destinations are added to the waste register for each disposal event.
- Monitoring / administration
 - While the Monthly Management Site Review includes a category for ‘access’, it does not specifically include local roads, it is recommended this be added to make sure these inspections are documented.
 - That the requirement for drivers to only drive on purpose made, public and site roads be added to the next revision of the Site Induction
 - It is recommended that a prompt for a periodic check of heritage sites be included in the monthly reporting requirements.
 - While the condition of consent states that the Work as Executed Plans are not required until the commencement of operations, the letter from DPIE approving the staging of development requires that “Work as Executed Plans are submitted prior to commencing the operation of the relevant stage of the development.” Accordingly, it is recommended that the Works as Executed Plans are submitted for the Upgrade of Barigan Road and Northern Access Road.

3.16 Key Strengths

The following strengths of the development's environmental management and performance were identified during the audit:

- During the audit it appeared that the project has established management processes that would integrate environmental control measures into its day-to-day work practices.
- The contractor staff that participated in the audit appeared engaged in environmental management and had a proficient level of awareness of the environmental requirements of the development.

4 Recommendations & Opportunities for Improvement

The following summarises all recommendations identified during the course of the audit. A number of items were addressed in the time between issue of the draft and final audit reports, these items are considered and noted “[CLOSED]”:

Non- Compliances

- That WSD finalise its purchase of outstanding credits as a matter of priority.
- That the site SDS register, and folder be updated with the current safety data sheets. [CLOSED]
- That the fencing around ST 2 is relocated to provide a full 15m buffer zone. Prior to relocating the fencing it is recommended that the advice of the heritage consultant be sought to clarify whether fencing is to be 15m from the trunk of the tree or also the fallen limb that lies next to the tree. [CLOSED]

Recommendations / Opportunities for Improvement

- Biodiversity
 - The Bushfire Management Plan appears to be in draft, it is recommended that this document is finalised.
 - That the spatial data collected from machinery undertaking ground clearance is periodically overlaid on the vegetation mapping to compare approved clearance areas and the progressive clearance total.
 - It is recommended that the spatial data captured during the tree clearance surveys is compared with the BDAR data, to check that removal has been consistent with the BDAR.
 - Seek ecologist advice on the placement of hollow bearing limbs.
 - Seek ecologist recommendations for the placement of CWD (greater than 200 mm and less than 600mm in diameter).
 - Seek ecologist recommendations for the placement of CWD (greater than 600 mm in diameter).
 - That weed surveys are documented, to allow tracking of weed distribution and proliferation, over time.
 - Organise an independent pest assessment for later in the project as a verification of these inspections.
 - That the gaps under the construction perimeter fence (e.g. under gates) are rectified to make it more difficult for kangaroos and other wildlife to enter the construction area.
 - That all vehicles that have been checked and cleared to work on-site are included on the Vehicle Hygiene Register. [CLOSED]
- Chemical storage
 - That the safety data sheets did not appear to be ordered. It is recommended that they are sorted (perhaps alphabetically or numbered on the reference sheets) to allow prompt identification during an incident. [CLOSED]
- Waste management
 - That the disposal destinations are added to the waste register for each disposal event. [CLOSED]
- Monitoring / administration
 - While the Monthly Management Site Review includes a category for “Access”, it does not specifically include local roads, it is recommended this be added to make sure these inspections are documented.
 - That the requirement for drivers to only drive on purpose made, public and site roads be added to the next revision of the Site Induction
 - It is recommended that a prompt for a periodic check of heritage sites be included in the monthly reporting requirements.
 - While the condition of consent states that the Work as Executed Plans are not required until the commencement of operations, the letter from DPE (then DPIE) approving the staging of development requires that “Work as Executed Plans are submitted prior to commencing the operation of the relevant stage of the development.” Accordingly, it is recommended that the Works as Executed Plans are submitted for the Upgrade of Barigan Road and Northern Access Road.

5 Conclusions

An independent environmental audit of the Wollar Solar Farm was undertaken by way of:

- Desktop review (May & June 2023)
- Online interviews (8 May 2023)
- Site Visit (11 May 2023)

All personnel involved in the audit participated cooperatively and the audit objective and scope were fulfilled.

A total of 461 items were audited and the audit identified three non-compliances and made 16 recommendations. Two of the three non-compliances were addressed during the period between issue of the draft and final audit reports and are considered 'closed'. Three of the recommendations were also actioned during the period between issue of the draft and final audit reports and are considered 'closed'.

The audit interviews, site visit and supporting evidence demonstrated that the development has a generally sound environmental performance:

- With the exception of the non-compliances that were identified, the development was found to be in general compliance with its Development Consent (SSD9254 – Modification 3) and its post approval compliance documents
- Findings of previous biannual audits had been addressed
- The Environmental Management Plans and Sub-plans are adequate.

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Appendix A – Planning Secretary Auditor Agreement

Department of Planning and Environment



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02/05/2023

Dear Mr Upton

**Wollar Solar Farm - (SDD-9254)
Independent Environmental Audit auditor request April 2023**

I refer to your request (SSD-9254-PA-41), submitted on 26 April 2023, for the Secretary's approval of a suitably qualified person to undertake the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) and prepare the IEA report for Wollar Solar Farm as required under Schedule 4 Condition 9 of SDD-9254 as modified (the consent).

The Department of Planning and Environment (the department) has reviewed the nomination and information you have provided and is satisfied that this expert is suitably qualified and experienced. Consequently, in accordance with Schedule 4 Condition 9 (b) of the consent and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements, the Secretary has agreed to Ms Melody Valentine of Beca Pty Ltd to undertake the IEA and prepare the IEA report. Please ensure this correspondence is appended to the Independent Audit Report.

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken and finalised in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

Within 3 months of commencing an IEA, or unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary in writing, a copy of the audit report must be submitted to the Planning Secretary, and any other NSW agency that requests it, together with a response to any recommendations contained in the audit report, and a timetable for the implementation of the recommendations.

The department reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits. Please note that this approval of the above audit team is conditional upon them maintaining certification as a lead or principal auditor with a relevant industry body and being independent of the development.

Notwithstanding the agreement for the above listed audit team for this Project, each respective project approval or consent requires a request for the agreement to the auditor or audit team be submitted to the department, for consideration of the Secretary. Each request is reviewed and depending on the complexity of future projects, the suitability of a proposed auditor or audit team will be considered.

Department of Planning and Environment



Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 0429400261 or compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. O'Reilly", enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Katrina O'Reilly
Team Leader - Compliance
Compliance
As nominee of the Planning Secretary

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Appendix B – Independent Audit Table

Wollar Solar Farm - Independent Audit Table

No.	Source	Condition of Consent / Document Reference	Requirement (exact wording)	Evidence Collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Non-Compliance ID
SCHEDULE 2 - ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS							
1	Consolidated Consent	1	Environmental Harm In meeting the specific environmental performance criteria established under this consent, the Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, upgrading or decommissioning of the development.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Observations during the audit interviews and site visits indicated that the Project has established a comprehensive approach to prevent and/or minimise material harm to the environment.	Compliant	
2	Consolidated Consent	2(a)	Terms Applicant must carry out the development generally in accordance with the EIS AND;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Observations during the audit interviews and site visits indicated that the development is being carried out generally in accordance with the EIS.	Compliant	
3	Consolidated Consent	2(b)	Applicant must carry out the development in accordance with the conditions of this consent.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Observations during the audit interviews and site visits indicated that the development is being carried out in accordance with the conditions of consent, with the exception of the non-compliances identified in this audit checklist.	Compliant	
4	Consolidated Consent	4(a)	The applicant must comply with any requirement/s of the Planning Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of: any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	The proponent reported that while correspondence had been had on specific matters initiated by the Project (discussed throughout), no requests have been received from the Department during the audit period.	Not triggered	
5	Consolidated Consent	4(b)	any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent: and	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	The proponent reported that no reports, reviews, or audits have been commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent.	Not triggered	
6	Consolidated Consent	4(c)	the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.				
7	Consolidated Consent	5	Solar Panels and Ancillary Infrastructure The Applicant may upgrade the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure on site provided these upgrades remain within the approved development footprint of the site and in accordance with the conditions of this consent. Prior to carrying out any	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	The applicant has not sought to upgrade the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure.	Not triggered	

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			such upgrades, the Applicant must provide revised layout plans and project details of the development to the Planning Secretary incorporating the proposed upgrades.				
8	Consolidated Consent	6	Structures 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 Building Code of Australia.	Construction Certification No. 330.5/2021, dated 9 May 2022 Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Audit interviews advised that all construction has been compliant with these requirements. A construction certificate has been issued for the Stage 5 works which include switchgear buildings (x2), auxiliary services building, and transmission lines associated with the Wollar West Substation.	Compliant	
9	Consolidated Consent	7	Demolition 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.	Review of historic aerial photography of 14 May 2015 (Nearmap). Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	The Proponent advised that no demolition has been required, to date.	Not triggered	
10	Consolidated Consent	8(a)	Public Infrastructure Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant must: repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the development; and	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	This requirement was acknowledged during the audit. While Council has repaired some potholes on the haulage route, these were not attributed to the development.	Not triggered	
11	Consolidated Consent	8(b)	relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	The only public infrastructure works required as part of the development has been the road upgrades, which the project funded. This is further reviewed as part of the conditions of the Transport Plan and Haulage Plan.	Compliant	
12	Consolidated Consent	9(a)	Operation The applicant must ensure that all plant and equipment used on site, or in connection with the development, is: maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and	n/a	Project not yet in operation phase.	Not triggered	
13	Consolidated Consent	9(b)	operated in a proper and efficient manner.				
14	Consolidated Consent	10	Subdivision The Applicant may subdivide the site to create one new allotment, as identified in the figure in Appendix 6 and in	Certificate of Title Folio: 2/1284867 NSW Spatial Map View (viewed 06/05/2023)	The subdivision, as allowed by Condition 10, has been created. The new lot is Lot 2 of DP1284867	Compliant	

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			accordance with the requirements of the <i>EP&A Act</i> and <i>EP&A Regulation</i> .				
SCHEDULE 3 – ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS							
15	Consolidated Consent	1(a)	Transport - Heavy Vehicles The applicant must ensure that the development does not generate more than: a combined total of up to 72 medium, heavy rigid vehicle and/or AV/B-double movements a day during construction, upgrading and decommissioning, with a maximum of 36 AV/B-double vehicle movements a day	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Truck Movement Register – 07/02/2023 – 25/05/2023 Haulage Management Plan; 1-WSF-PLA-0005, Ver C	Current heavy vehicle movements to and from the site are approximately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light vehicles <20 • Heavy – Truck and dogs 10-15/day The project Logistics Manager is responsible for coordinating deliveries and collections from the site and will do so in order to maintain vehicle movements in accordance with these requirements. It was observed that the site security was also taking note of all vehicles entering and leaving site. This security guard will be relocated to the main site gate, once installed, and will take records of all vehicles including number plates, vehicle type, time of entry and exit. The Haulage Plan is consistent with the requirements of the conditions of consent.	Compliant	
16	Consolidated Consent	1(a)	60 over-dimensional vehicle movements during construction, upgrading and decommissioning; and				
17	Consolidated Consent	1(a)	7 AV/B-Double, medium and/or heavy rigid vehicle movements a day during operations;				
18	Consolidated Consent	1(b)	On the public road network length of any vehicles (excluding over-dimensional vehicles) used for the development does not exceed 26 meters, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise in writing.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Haulage Management Plan; 1-WSF-PLA-0005, Ver C	The Haulage Plan indicates that the Project is consistent with the requirements of the conditions of consent.	Compliant	
19	Consolidated Consent	2	The Applicant must keep accurate records of the number of over-dimensional vehicles, AV/B-Double vehicles, medium and/or heavy entering or leaving the site each day for the duration of the project.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Truck Movement Register – 07/02/2023 – 25/05/2023	Vehicle records are maintained for all heavy vehicles that attend site.	Compliant	
20	Consolidated Consent	3(a)	Transport - Access Routes All over-dimensional and AV/B-Double vehicles (with the exception of the two over-dimensional vehicles associated with the transport of the transformers) associated with the development must travel to and from the site via Golden Highway, Ulan Road, Ulan-Wollar Road, Barigan Street, Maitland Street, Wollar Road and Barigan Road; and/or	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 NHVR OSOM Exemption Permit – 480049V1 NHVR OSOM Exemption Permit – 642656V1 Haulage Management Plan; 1-WSF-PLA-0005, Ver C	It was confirmed during the audit interviews that these are the routes being utilised. NHVR permits for the movement of prime movers were sighted and in accordance with the Conditions of Consent. There were no on-site observations to the contrary. The Haulage Plan is consistent with the requirements of the conditions of consent.	Compliant	

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21	Consolidated Consent	3(b)	Castlereagh Highway, Ulan Road, Ulan-Wollar Road, Barigan Street, Maitland Street, Wollar Road and Barigan Road as identified in the figure in Appendix 3.				
22	Consolidated Consent	4(a)	All medium and/or heavy rigid vehicles and shuttle buses associated with the development must travel to and from the site via the routes detailed in condition 3 of Schedule 3 to this consent, and/or via: Cope Road, Ulan Road, Ulan-Wollar Road, Barigan Street, Maitland Street, Wollar Road and Barigan Road; and/or				
23	Consolidated Consent	4(b)	Castlereagh Highway, Ulan Road, Wollar Road, Phillip Street, Maitland Street, Wollar Road and Barigan Road				
24	Consolidated Consent	5	Transport - Preferred Site Access All over-dimensional, AV/B-Double, medium and/or heavy rigid vehicles and shuttle buses associated with the development must enter and exit the site via the approved northern site access point on Barigan Road, as identified in the figure in Appendix 1.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	It was confirmed during the audit interviews that the northern access is the only access being utilised at this time. The southern access has not yet been constructed. The Haulage Plan is consistent with the requirements of the conditions of consent. There were no on-site observations to the contrary.	Compliant	
25	Consolidated Consent	6	All light vehicles associated with the development must enter and exit the site via the approved northern site access point and/or southern site access option 1 on Barigan Road, as identified in the figure in Appendix 1.				
26	Consolidated Consent	7	Transport - Alternate Site Access Point If the Applicant cannot secure access to the preferred site access points detailed in conditions 5 and 6 of Schedule 3 to this consent, all vehicles associated with the development must enter and exit the site via the approved site access point on Maree Road (southern access option 2), as identified in the figure in Appendix 1.				
27	Consolidated Consent	8	Transport - Road Upgrades Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must implement the road upgrades identified in Appendix 4, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise	Letter of 25/09/2020 - Secretary's Discretion – Road Upgrades Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Communications between DPIE and WSD were sighted acknowledging the completion of the Road Safety Audit and confirmation that the Planning Secretary agreed the obligation under the consent for turn treatments at Wollar Road	Compliant	

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			in writing. These upgrades must be carried out to the satisfaction of the relevant roads authority.		/ Barigan Road intersection were no longer required. During the audit interviews it was reported that the upgrade of Barigan Road was undertaken at the start of 2021. The Project engaged Council to undertake this upgrade, on this basis it is expected that the upgrades were satisfactory to Council.		
28	Consolidated Consent	9(a)	Transport - Operating Conditions The Applicant must ensure: the internal roads are constructed as all-weather roads;	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	The northern access road had been established at the time of the audit and appeared suitable for all weather conditions.	Compliant	
29	Consolidated Consent	9(b)	there is sufficient parking on site for all vehicles, and no parking occurs on the public road network in the vicinity of the site;	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit there appeared to be adequate on-site parking and no parking was observed on public roads. It was reported during the site interviews that the site compound would be expanded (including parking) as the project progresses.	Compliant	
30	Consolidated Consent	9(c)	the capacity of the existing roadside drainage network is not reduced;	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Roadside drainage was observed during the audit. While it appeared to be in suitable working order, there had not been recent significant rain.	Compliant	
31	Consolidated Consent	9(d)	all vehicles are loaded and unloaded on site, and enter and leave the site in a forward direction; and	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	The current access configuration was consistent with this requirement and no on-site observations were made to the contrary. During the audit interviews it was reported that signage in this respect would be installed on-site in the coming weeks.	Compliant	
32	Consolidated Consent	9(e)	development-related vehicles leaving the site are in a clean condition to minimise dirt being tracked onto the sealed public road network.	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	The establishment of the vehicle wash down facilities are to be established in the next few weeks, pending installation of a nearby gate. Minimal dirt tracking was observed on sealed public roads during the audit.	Compliant	
33	Consolidated Consent	10	Transport - Traffic Management Plan Prior to commencing the development, the Applicant must prepare a Traffic Management Plan for the development in consultation with TfNSW, Council, Ulan, Moolarben and Wilpinjong mines and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. This plan must include:	Letter of 05/08/2020 – Traffic Management Plan Traffic Management Plan, August 2020	A letter from DPIE was sighted. The letter advised that “The Department has carefully reviewed the TMP and is satisfied that the plan generally meets the requirements of the condition.” The TMP contains records of consultation with TfNSW, Council, Ulan Mine, Moolarben Mine and Wilpinjong Mine.	Compliant	
34	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	details of the transport route to be used for all development-related traffic;	Traffic Management Plan, August 2020	The TMP was sighted and found to include the items required by Condition 10.	Compliant	

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35	Consolidated Consent	10(b)	details of the road upgrade works required by condition 8 of Schedule 3 to this consent;		During the audit interviews it was reported that the TMP is currently undergoing update. This update will also include changes to update the TMP in accordance with the changes approved by Modification 3.		
36	Consolidated Consent	10(c)	a protocol for undertaking independent dilapidation surveys to assess the:				
37	Consolidated Consent	10(c)	existing condition of Ulan-Wollar Road, Wollar Road, Phillip Street, Barigan Street, Maitland Street, Barigan Road and Maree Road prior to construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities; and				
38	Consolidated Consent	10(c)	condition of Ulan-Wollar Road, Wollar Road, Phillip Street, Barigan Street, Maitland Street, Barigan Road and Maree Road following construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities;				
39	Consolidated Consent	10(d)	a protocol for the repair of Ulan-Wollar Road, Wollar Road, Phillip Street, Barigan Street, Maitland Street, Barigan Road and Maree Road if dilapidation surveys identify these roads to be damaged during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works;				
40	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	details of the measures that would be implemented to minimise traffic impacts during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works, including:				
41	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	temporary traffic controls, including detours and signage;				
42	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	notifying the local community about project-related traffic impacts;				
43	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from the community about development related traffic;				
44	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	minimising potential cumulative traffic impacts with other projects in the area, including the Ulan Coal Mine, Moolarben Coal Mine and Wilpinjong Coal Mine during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works ;				
45	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	minimising potential for conflict with school buses, other road users and rail services as far as practicable (measures also required during operation of the project);				

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46	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	minimising dirt tracked onto the public road network from development-related traffic;				
47	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	details 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;				
48	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	scheduling of haulage vehicle movements to minimise convoy length or platoons;				
49	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	responding to local climate conditions that may affect road safety such as fog, dust and wet weather;				
50	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	responding to any emergency repair or maintenance requirements; and				
51	Consolidated Consent	10(e)	a traffic management system for managing over-dimensional vehicles;				
52	Consolidated Consent	10(f)	a driver's code of conduct that addresses:				
53	Consolidated Consent	10(f)	travelling speeds;				
54	Consolidated Consent	10(f)	driver fatigue;				
55	Consolidated Consent	10(f)	procedures to ensure that drivers adhere to the designated transport routes; and				
56	Consolidated Consent	10(f)	procedures to ensure that drivers implement safe driving practices;				
57	Consolidated Consent	10(g)	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				
58	Consolidated Consent	10(h)	a flood response plan detailing procedures and options for safe access to and from the site in the event of flooding.				
59	Consolidated Consent	11(a)	Land Management The Applicant must maintain the agricultural land capability of the site, including: establishing the ground cover of the site within 3 months following completion of any construction or upgrading;	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	At the time of the audit, the only construction that had been completed was the road upgrades, access and substation works, which have limited areas to re-establish ground cover.	Compliant	

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60	Consolidated Consent	11(b)	properly maintaining the ground cover with appropriate perennial species and weed management; and	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Groundcover Management Plan, September 2022, v2	During the audit interviews it was reported that ground disturbance was being minimised to areas where active works/access were required. This process is being managed via Ground Disturbance Permits. It was reported that weed audits are being undertaken monthly and during the project there had been a significant improvement in overall weed cover. These aspects are further discussed under the assessment of compliance with the Biodiversity Management Plan.	Compliant	
61	Consolidated Consent	11(c)	maintaining grazing within the development footprint, where practicable, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise in writing.	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Grazing was observed to be occurring in the areas outside the perimeter fence. It was reported during the audit interviews that a grazing lease had been established for suitable areas.	Compliant	
62	Consolidated Consent	12	Biodiversity - Vegetation Clearance The Applicant must not clear any native vegetation or fauna habitat located outside the approved disturbance areas described in the EIS	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Earthworks Layout Plan WSF-SMC-CI-DWG-0219 A selection of Ground Disturbance Permits (001, 002, 003)	During audit interviews it was reported that all clearance was subject to pre-clearance checks and Ground Disturbance Permits. Construction vehicles are fitted with GPS tracking systems to see that clearance areas are maintained as per the EIS. There were no on-site observations to the contrary.	Compliant	
63	Consolidated Consent	13	Prior to commencing development under this consent, the Applicant must retire biodiversity credits of a number and class specified in Table 1 and Table 2 below, to the satisfaction of BCD, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise in writing. The retirement of these credits must be carried out in accordance with the <i>NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme</i> and can be achieved by:	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Letter of 24/01/2022 - Non-compliance - Failure to secure biodiversity offsets by due date	WSD formally notified the Department that a non-compliance with Condition 13 has occurred by way of a letter dated 10 January 2022. The non-conformance related to the biodiversity credits required by Condition 13 were not able to be retired by the Condition 13 Timeframe. A letter of response from DPIE acknowledged the non-conformance and proposed actions to resolve the matter.	Non-compliant	NC1
64	Consolidated Consent	13(a)	acquiring or retiring 'biodiversity credits' within the meaning of the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> ;		During the audit interviews it was reported that WSD continued to pursue establishment of a stewardship site, though as Biodiversity Conservation Trust will not accept a grazing tenancy on the site, WSD has reverted to purchasing the credits.		
65	Consolidated Consent	13(b)	making payments into an offset fund that has been developed by the NSW Government; or		WSD has sourced the majority of the required credits privately and has submitted the credit		
66	Consolidated Consent	13(c)	funding a biodiversity conservation action that benefits the entity impacted and is				

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			listed in the ancillary rules of the biodiversity offset scheme.		transfer request. The balance of the credits (34 for Koala and 50 for Large-eared Pied Bat) will be acquired from the offset fund. WSD reported that this purchase is in progress and is being priorostised.		
67	Consolidated Consent	14	Biodiversity Management Plan Prior to commencing the development, the Applicant must prepare a Biodiversity Management Plan for the development in consultation with BCD, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. This plan must:	Letter of 16/07/2020 – Biodiversity Management Plan Biodiversity Management Plan, June 2020	A letter from DPIE was sighted with regard to its approval of the BMP. The letter advised that “The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is that the plan generally meets the requirements of the condition.” The BMP contains records of consultation with the Biodiversity and Conservation Division.	Compliant	
68	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:	Biodiversity Management Plan, June 2020	The BMP was sighted and found to include the items required by Condition 14.	Compliant	
69	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	protecting vegetation and fauna habitat outside the approved disturbance areas;				
70	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	managing the remnant vegetation and fauna habitat on site;				
71	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	minimising clearing and avoiding unnecessary disturbance of vegetation that is associated with the construction and operation of the development;				
72	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	minimising the impacts to fauna on site and implementing fauna management protocols;				
73	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	avoiding the removal of hollow-bearing trees during spring to avoid the main breeding period for hollow-dependent fauna;				
74	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	rehabilitating and revegetating temporary disturbance areas with species that are endemic to the area;				
75	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	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				
76	Consolidated Consent	14(a)	controlling weeds, feral pests and pathogens; and				
77	Consolidated Consent	14(b)	include details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan, and timeframes for completion of actions.				

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78	Consolidated Consent	15	Amenity - Hours Unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise in writing, the Applicant may only undertake construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site between:	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site Induction	<p>During the audit interviews it was reported that current standard working hours are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Friday: 7am-5pm Saturday: 8am-1pm <p>There is a review and approval process for any out of hours works to consider whether it meets the conditions of consent and whether further approval is required.</p> <p>This is consistent with what is outlined in the Site Induction, which was sighted.</p>	Compliant	
79	Consolidated Consent	15(a)	7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday;				
80	Consolidated Consent	15(b)	8 am to 1 pm Saturdays; and				
81	Consolidated Consent	15(c)	at no time on Sundays and NSW public holidays				
82	Consolidated Consent	15(c)	The following construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities may be undertaken outside these hours without the approval of the Planning Secretary:				
83	Consolidated Consent	15(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> activities that are inaudible at non-associated receivers; 				
84	Consolidated Consent	15(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the delivery of materials as requested by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or 				
85	Consolidated Consent	15(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> emergency work to avoid the loss of life, property and/or material harm to the environment 				
86	Consolidated Consent	16	Noise The Applicant must minimise the noise generated by any construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site in accordance with the best practice requirements outlined in the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009), or its latest version.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Site Induction Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, September 2022, v1	<p>Current site activities were not observed to be particularly noisy.</p> <p>A noise and vibration sub-plan which contains relevant mitigation measures is under implementation as part of CEMP. This sub-plan makes reference to the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009). Site personnel are briefed on these management measures through the site induction and regular pre-start and toolbox meetings.</p> <p>Noise is included as part of the projects monitoring, via regular inspections and spot checks. Any need for continuous monitoring will be reviewed as the project progresses.</p> <p>No complaints have been received to-date in regard to noise. In the event of a noise</p>	Compliant	

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					complaint there would be an investigation and a relevant action plan would be prepared.		
87	Consolidated Consent	17	Dust The Applicant must minimise the dust generated by the development.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Site Induction Construction Environmental Management Plan, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0006, Rev 3	Mitigations to minimise dust are incorporated into the CEMP. Site personnel are briefed on these management measures through the site induction and regular pre-start and toolbox meetings. At the time of the audit minimal dust was encountered on-site and dust suppression (water cart) was observed.	Compliant	
88	Consolidated Consent	18(a)	Visual The Applicant must: minimise the off-site visual impacts of the development, including the potential for any glare or reflection;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	<p>During the site interviews it was reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing vegetation will minimise the appearance of the solar farm. As the development is set-back approx. 2km from road, the Visual Impact Assessment determined no additional measures were required. The Amenities Building(s) will be constructed using non-reflective muted colours No advertising signs have/will be erected, with the exception of those required for site identification and safety purposes. <p>There were no observations made to the contrary during the audit site visit.</p>	Compliant	
89	Consolidated Consent	18(b)	ensure the visual appearance of all ancillary infrastructure (including paint colours) blends in as far as possible with the surrounding landscape; and				
90	Consolidated Consent	18(c)	not mount any advertising signs or logos on site, except where this is required for identification or safety purposes.				
91	Consolidated Consent	19(a)	Lighting The Applicant must: minimise the off-site lighting impacts of the development; and	Extract from WSF-SMC-EL-RPT-0034_0 - AUX CABLE SIZING REPORT	During the audit evidence was sighted that confirms that an assessment of lighting was undertaken during the design of the solar farm which confirmed the lighting would comply with AS4282.	Compliant	
92	Consolidated Consent	19(b)	ensure that any external lighting associated with the development:				
93	Consolidated Consent	19(b)	is installed as low intensity lighting (except where required for safety or emergency purposes);				
94	Consolidated Consent	19(b)	does not shine above the horizontal; and				
95	Consolidated Consent	19(b)	complies with Australian Standard AS4282 (INT) 1997 – Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting, or its latest version.				

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96	Consolidated Consent	20	Heritage The Applicant must ensure the development does not cause any direct or indirect impacts on the Aboriginal heritage items identified in Table 1 of Appendix 5 or located outside the approved development footprint.	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	No observations of harm to Aboriginal heritage were observed during the audit.	Compliant	
97	Consolidated Consent	20	Prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the heritage items identified in Table 2 of Appendix 5, the Applicant must salvage and relocate the item/s that would be impacted to a suitable alternative location, in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW, 2010), or its latest version.	Stage 1 Salvage Clearance Report Stage 2 Salvage Clearance Report Stage 3 Salvage Clearance Report	Salvage clearance reports confirming the salvage of the relevant items were sighted. The items are currently in secure storage at NGH's Newcastle offices and reburial of the artefacts will be completed following construction of the solar farm.	Compliant	
98	Consolidated Consent	21	Heritage Management Plan Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. This plan must:	Letter of 03/11/2020 – Heritage Management Plan Cultural Heritage Management Plan, October 2020	A letter from DPIE was sighted with regard to its approval of the HMP. The letter advised that "The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that the plan generally meets the requirements of the condition." The HMP contains records of the Planning Secretary's approval of the consultants who prepared the HMP and consultation with the Heritage NSW and RAPs.	Compliant	
99	Consolidated Consent	21(a)	be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary in writing;				
100	Consolidated Consent	21(b)	be prepared in consultation with Heritage NSW and Aboriginal Stakeholders;				
101	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:	Cultural Heritage Management Plan, October 2020	The CHMP was sighted and found to include the items required by Condition 21c and 21d.	Compliant	
102	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	protecting the Aboriginal heritage items identified in Table 1 of Appendix 5 or outside the approved development footprint, including fencing off the Aboriginal heritage items prior to commencing construction;				
103	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	salvaging and relocating the Aboriginal heritage items located within the approved development footprint, as identified in Table 2 of Appendix 5;				
104	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	a contingency plan and reporting procedure if:				

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105	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	previously unidentified heritage items are found; or				
106	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	Aboriginal skeletal material is discovered;				
107	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; and				
108	Consolidated Consent	21(c)	ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan; and				
109	Consolidated Consent	21(d)	include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any heritage impacts of the project.				
110	Consolidated Consent	22	Water Supply The Applicant must ensure that it has sufficient water for all stages of the development, and if necessary, adjust the scale of the development to match its available water supply	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that water for the development would be sourced via a combination of existing dams, a modest extraction licence that was acquired as part of the property purchase and water carting (if required).	Compliant	
111	Consolidated Consent	23	Water Pollution The Applicant must ensure that the development does not cause any water pollution, as defined under Section 120 of the <i>POEO Act</i>	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews an understanding of this requirement was expressed and measures including erosions and sediment control, refuelling areas, spill kits and the likes were discussed. There were no signs of water pollution observed during the audit.	Compliant	
112	Consolidated Consent	24(a)	Soil and Water - Operating Conditions The Applicant must: ensure the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure (include security fencing) are designed, constructed and maintained to reduce impacts on localised flooding and groundwater at the site;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, WSF-SMC-CI-RPT-0061, 14/04/2023, Rev 01	An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan has identified mitigation measures appropriate for the development in regard to flooding, groundwater and erosion. These include design and construction constraints, and management measures for erosion, sediment and drainage. Audit interviews demonstrated an understanding of these requirements and observations during the site visited were consistent with them also.	Compliant	
113	Consolidated Consent	24(b)	minimise any soil erosion associated with the construction, upgrading or decommissioning of the development in accordance with the relevant requirements in the Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction	Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, WSF-SMC-CI-RPT-0061, 14/04/2023, Rev 01	The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan contains measures to minimise soil erosion and acknowledges it has been prepared in accordance with the Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004).	Compliant	

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			(Landcom, 2004) manual, or its latest version;				
114	Consolidated Consent	24(c)	ensure the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure are designed, constructed and maintained to avoid causing any erosion on site; and	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Erosion & Sediment Control Plan, 14/04/2023, WSF-SMC-CI-RPT-0061 Biodiversity Management Plan, June 2020	<p>During audit interviews it was reported that the following measures have been undertaken to limit potential erosion impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimisation of the disturbance footprint • Re-establishment of groundcover as soon as practicable • Limiting compaction to heavily trafficked areas • Preparation and implementation of an Erosion & Sediment Control Plan <p>As committed in the EIS, a soil survey was undertaken prior to the commencement of construction (May 2019). It is contained within the Biodiversity Management Plans and sound that the site has a low risk of erosion hazard.</p>	Compliant	
115	Consolidated Consent	24(d)	ensure all works are undertaken in accordance with the following, unless DPIE Water agrees otherwise:	Biodiversity Management Plan, June 2020	The Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) references these guidelines and contains requirements that there is a 40m buffer from the banks of Wollar Creek and Spring Flat Creek. Assessment of implementation of the BMP is assessed later in this checklist.	Compliant	
116	Consolidated Consent	24(d)	Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NRAR, 2018), or its latest version; and				
117	Consolidated Consent	24(d)	Why Do Fish Need to Cross the Road? Fish Passage Requirements for Waterway Crossings (2004), or its latest version.	Biodiversity Management Plan, June 2020	The Biodiversity Management Plan references these requirements and acknowledges the relevance to the upgrade of the crossing of Wollar Creek. As the upgrade of the crossing of Wollar Creek has not been progressed at this time this requirement has not been triggered.	Not triggered	
118	Consolidated Consent	25	Hazard - Fire Safety Study Prior to commencing construction of the battery storage facility, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise in writing, the Applicant must prepare a Fire Safety Study for the development in consultation with FRNSW and RFS, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. The study must:	n/a	The battery storage facility has not proceeded at this time.	Not triggered	
119	Consolidated Consent	25(a)	be consistent with the:				

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120	Consolidated Consent	25(a)	Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 2 'Fire Safety Study' guideline; and				
121	Consolidated Consent	25(a)	NSW Government's Best Practice Guidelines for Contaminated Water Retention and Treatment Systems; and				
122	Consolidated Consent	25(b)	describe the final design of the battery storage facility.				
123	Consolidated Consent	26(a)	Hazard - Storage and Handling of Dangerous Goods The Applicant must store and handle all chemicals, fuels and oils used on-site in accordance with: the requirements of all relevant Australian Standards; and	Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Hazardous chemicals register	AS3780 The storage and handling of corrosive substances require that safety data sheets are kept up to date. The NSW EPA's Storing and Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection – Participants Handbook includes checklists that includes "Make sure MSDS for all chemicals are up-to-date and accessible at any time" and also references the WorkCover NSW Code of Practice for the Storage and Handling of Dangerous Goods which requires "that a register of hazardous chemicals at the workplace is prepared and kept up to date The register is a list of the product names of all hazardous chemicals used, handled or stored at the workplace accompanied by the current SDS for each hazardous chemical listed." While a hazardous chemicals register was sighted during the site visit and all chemicals that were 'spot-checked' were on the register, it was noted that many of the accompanying safety data sheets were out of date, including some relating to hazardous chemicals. Recommendation: It was also noted that the safety data sheets did not appear to be ordered. It is recommended that they are sorted (perhaps alphabetically or numbered on the reference sheets) to allow prompt identification during an incident.	Non-compliant	NC2
124	Consolidated Consent	26(b)	the NSW EPA's Storing and Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection – Participants Handbook if the chemicals are liquids.				
125	Consolidated Consent	27(a)	Hazard - Operating Conditions The Applicant must: minimise the fire risks of the development, including managing vegetation fuel loads on-site;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Emergency Preparedness & Response Management Plan, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0005 Rev1a	During the audit interviews it was reported that a number of actions have been taken to minimise the risk of fire, including:	Compliant	
126	Consolidated Consent	27(b)	ensure the development:	Bushfire Management Plan, April 2022, v1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and implementation of an Emergency Preparedness & Response Management Plan 		

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and implementation of an Bushfire Management Plan, which includes the requirement to manage grass lengths and monitor fire loads Review of a recent small grass fire on-site as a result of a reflective material on the back of a truck ignited some dry grass. The fire was noticed and extinguished quickly and did not cause material harm. Site procedures were reviewed to require that vehicle parking must be contained to hardstand areas. 		
127	Consolidated Consent	27(b)	includes at least a 10 metre defendable space around the perimeter of the solar array area and battery storage facility that permits unobstructed vehicle access;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	An understanding of this requirement was demonstrated during the audit interviews and on-site observations supported compliance with this requirement.	Compliant	
128	Consolidated Consent	27(b)	manages the defendable space and solar array areas as an Asset Protection Zone;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	An understanding of this requirement was demonstrated during the audit interviews and on-site observations supported compliance with this requirement.	Compliant	
129	Consolidated Consent	27(b)	complies with the relevant asset protection requirements in the RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 (or equivalent) and Standards for Asset Protection Zones;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Bushfire Management Plan, April 2022, v1	During audit interviews it was reported that a 10m asset protection zone around the site perimeter will be established within the development area. This will be in accordance with RFS requirements and incorporate a 4 m wide gravel access track (fire trail).	Compliant	
130	Consolidated Consent	27(b)	includes an Asset Protection Zone that is wholly contained within the development footprint;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	The development plans allow for the Asset Protection Zone and observations during the site visit indicated that the development was being undertaken consistent with the approved development plan.	Compliant	
131	Consolidated Consent	27(b)	is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site including provision of a 20,000 litre water supply tank fitted with a 65 mm Storz fitting and a FRNSW compatible suction connection located adjacent to the internal access road;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that WSD has engaged with the local RFS and the water supply tank had been installed. The water supply tank was observed during the site visit.	Compliant	
132	Consolidated Consent	27(c)	assist the RFS and emergency services as much as practicable if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site; and	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	There had not been any fire in the vicinity of the site during the audit period that required RFS/emergency services attendance.	Not triggered	
133	Consolidated Consent	27(d)	notify the relevant local emergency management committee following	n/a	Construction has not yet been completed.	Not triggered	

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			construction of the development, and prior to commencing operations.				
134	Consolidated Consent	28	Hazard - Emergency Plan Prior to commissioning operations, the Applicant must develop and implement a comprehensive Emergency Plan and detailed emergency procedures for the development, to the satisfaction of FRNSW and the RFS. The Applicant must keep two copies of the plan on-site in a prominent position adjacent to the site entry points at all times. The plan must:	n/a	The project has not yet commenced operation.	Not triggered	
135	Consolidated Consent	28(a)	be consistent with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 1, 'Emergency Planning';				
136	Consolidated Consent	28(b)	identify the fire risks and controls of the development; and				
137	Consolidated Consent	28(c)	include procedures that would be implemented if there is a fire on-site or in the vicinity of the site.				
138	Consolidated Consent	29(a)	Hazard - Waste The Applicant must: minimise the waste generated by the development;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Audit interviews demonstrated an understanding of this requirement and there were not observations during the site visit to the contrary.	Compliant	
139	Consolidated Consent	29(b)	classify all waste generated on site in accordance with the EPA's Waste Classification Guidelines 2014 (or its latest version);	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Audit interviews demonstrated an understanding of this requirement. During the site visit waste sorting and segregation was observed.	Compliant	
140	Consolidated Consent	29(c)	store and handle all waste on site in accordance with its classification;	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023		Compliant	
141	Consolidated Consent	29(d)	not receive or dispose of any waste on site; and	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Audit interviews demonstrated an understanding of this requirement and there were not any observations during the site visit to the contrary.	Compliant	
142	Consolidated Consent	29(e)	remove all waste from the site as soon as practicable, and ensure it is sent to an appropriately licensed waste facility for disposal.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Audit interviews demonstrated an understanding of this requirement and there were not observations during the site visit to the contrary. It was reported that JR Richards has been engaged to transport waste.	Compliant	

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143	Consolidated Consent	30	Accommodation and Employment Strategy Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare an Accommodation and Employment Strategy for the development in consultation with Council, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. This strategy must:	Letter of 16/10/2020 Accommodation and Employment Strategy Letter of 30/11/2021 Accommodation and Employment Strategy Letter of 25/11/2022 Accommodation and Employment Strategy – Stage 3b Accommodation and Employment Strategy September 2022, v4	Letters from DPIE were sighted with regard to its approval of the Accommodation and Employment Strategy (AES). The current version of the AES covers Stage 3b and states it was prepared in consultation with Council and includes several references to inputs provided by Council.	Compliant	
144	Consolidated Consent	30(a)	propose measures to ensure there is sufficient accommodation for the workforce associated with the development;	Accommodation and Employment Strategy September 2022, v4	The AES was sighted and found to include the items required by Condition 30a-30d.	Compliant	
145	Consolidated Consent	30(b)	consider the cumulative impacts associated with other State significant development projects in the area, including nearby mines;				
146	Consolidated Consent	30(c)	investigate options for prioritising the employment of local workers for the construction and operation of the development, where feasible; and				
147	Consolidated Consent	30(d)	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				
148	Consolidated Consent	31	Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Within 18 months of the cessation of operations, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise in writing, the Applicant must rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. This rehabilitation must comply with the objectives in Table 3.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Operations have not ceased (or commenced).	Not triggered	

SCHEDULE 4 – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

149	Consolidated Consent	1	Environmental Management Strategy Prior to commencing the development, the Applicant must prepare an Environmental Management Strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary in writing. This strategy must:	Environmental Management Strategy, August 2020, v1.5 Letter of 10/08/2020, Environmental Management Strategy	A letter from DPIE was sighted with regard to its approval of the EMS. The letter advised that “The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that the plan generally meets the requirements of the condition.”	Compliant	
150	Consolidated Consent	1(a)	provide the strategic framework for environmental management of the development;	Environmental Management Strategy, August 2020, v1.5	The EMS was sighted and found to include the items required by Condition 1a-1e.	Compliant	

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151	Consolidated Consent	1(b)	identify the statutory approvals that apply to the development;				
152	Consolidated Consent	1(c)	describe the role, responsibility, authority and accountability of all key personnel involved in the environmental management of the development;				
153	Consolidated Consent	1(d)	describe the procedures that would be implemented to:				
154	Consolidated Consent	1(d)	keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the operation and environmental performance of the development;				
155	Consolidated Consent	1(d)	receive, handle, respond to, and record complaints;				
156	Consolidated Consent	1(d)	resolve any disputes that may arise;				
157	Consolidated Consent	1(d)	respond to any non-compliance;				
158	Consolidated Consent	1(d)	respond to emergencies; and				
159	Consolidated Consent	1(e)	include:				
160	Consolidated Consent	1(e)	references to any plans approved under the conditions of this consent; and				
161	Consolidated Consent	1(e)	a clear plan depicting all the monitoring to be carried out in relation to the development				
162	Consolidated Consent	2(a)	Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs 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	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	No upgrading or decommissioning has been undertaken.	Not triggered	
163	Consolidated Consent	2(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:	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	No requests to update the plans or programs required under the consent have been received.	Not triggered	
164	Consolidated Consent	2(b)	submission of an incident report under condition 7 of Schedule 4;				
165	Consolidated Consent	2(b)	submission of an audit report under condition 9 of Schedule 4; or				

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166	Consolidated Consent	2(b)	any modification to the conditions of this consent.				
167	Consolidated Consent	3	Updating and Staging of Strategies, Plans or Programs With the approval of the Planning Secretary in writing, the Applicant may submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a progressive basis. To ensure the strategies, plans or programs under the conditions of this consent are updated on a regular basis, the Applicant may at any time submit revised strategies, plans or programs to the Secretary for approval. With the agreement of the Planning Secretary in writing, the Applicant may prepare any revised strategy, plan or program without undertaking consultation with all the parties referred to under the relevant condition of this consent.	Letter of 13/08/2021, Staging of Plans	During the audit a letter from DPIE was sighted agreeing to the staged development/approval of the Accommodation and Employment Strategy, Final Layout Plans and Work as Executed Plans with the agreed stages of development.	Compliant	
168	Consolidated Consent	4	Notification of Department Prior to commencing the construction, operations, upgrading or decommissioning of the development or the cessation of operations, the Applicant must notify the Department in writing via the Major Projects website portal of the date of commencement, or cessation, of the relevant phase.	Letter of 25/08/2021, Update to Northern Access Road construction timescales Letter of 26/11/1021, Notification under Development Consent Schedule 4, Condition 4 Letter of 16/02/2023, Notification under Development Consent Schedule 4, Condition 4	During the audit, letters from WSD to DPIE were sighted, advising the pending commencement of construction of Stages 2, 3a and 3b of the project.	Compliant	
169	Consolidated Consent	4	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.	Letter of 13/08/2021, Staging of Plans	During the audit a letter from DPIE was sighted agreeing to the proposed staging of development.	Compliant	
170	Consolidated Consent	5	Final Layout Plans Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must submit detailed plans of the final layout of the development to the Planning Secretary, including details on the siting of solar panels and ancillary infrastructure, via the Major Projects website.	Email of 29/11/2021, Wollar Solar Farm - Final Layout Plan – Onsite substation (Stage 3a) Email of 21/02/2023, Wollar Solar Farm - Stage 3B Final Layout Plan	Emails from Major Projects were sighted during the audit acknowledging receipt of the final layout plans for Stage 3a and 3b.	Compliant	
171	Consolidated Consent	6	Work as Executed Plans Prior to commencing operations, or following the upgrades of any solar panels or ancillary infrastructure, the Applicant	n/a	Operation has not yet commenced. Recommendation: While the condition of consent states that the Work as Executed	Not triggered	

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			must submit work as executed plans of the development to the Planning Secretary, via the Major Projects website.		Plans are not required until the commencement of operations, the letter from DPIE approving the staging of development requires that "Work as Executed Plans are submitted prior to commencing the operation of the relevant stage of the development." Accordingly, it is recommended that the Works and Executed Plans are submitted for the Upgrade of Barigan Road and Northern Access Road.		
172	Consolidated Consent	7	Incident Notification The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website portal 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.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	The proponent reported that no incidents have been occurred during the audit period.	Not triggered	
173	Consolidated Consent	8	Non-Compliance Notification The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website portal within 7 days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance with the conditions of this consent. The 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 noncompliance (if known) and what actions have been done, or will be, undertaken to address the noncompliance.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Letter of 10/01/2022, Non-Compliance Notification Letter of 24/01/2022, Failure to secure biodiversity offsets by due date	The proponent reported that one non-compliance has occurred on the project during the audit period. This non-compliance related to the securing of biodiversity offsets. Communications relating to this non-compliance were sighted during the audit. Based on the timeline outlined in these communications, WSD appears to have accorded with the required timeframes.	Compliant	
174	Consolidated Consent	9	Independent Environmental Audit The Applicant must commission and pay the full cost of Independent Environmental Audits of the development. The audits must:	This report	This report intends to fulfil the requirements of this condition.	Compliant	
175	Consolidated Consent	9(a)	be prepared in accordance with the relevant Independent Audit Post Approval requirements (DPE 2020);	This report	This report intends to fulfil the requirements of this condition.	Compliant	
176	Consolidated Consent	9(b)	be led and conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary in writing;	Planning Secretary Letter of Agreement (see Appendix B)	Endorsed in writing on 02/05/2023.	Compliant	

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177	Consolidated Consent	9(c)	be prepared, unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Secretary in writing:	Audit interviews 08/05/23	There have been no requests for exemptions in regard to the audit.	Compliant	
178	Consolidated Consent	9(c)	within 3 months of commencing construction;	This report	The audit was undertaken during the 08/05/2023 and 11/05/2023, within the required timeframe.	Compliant	
179	Consolidated Consent	9(c)	within 3 months of commencement of operations; and	n/a	Operation has not yet commenced.	Not triggered	
180	Consolidated Consent	9(c)	as directed by the Planning Secretary;	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was reported that no directions for additional audits have been received from the Planning Secretary.	Not triggered	
181	Consolidated Consent	9(d)	be carried out in consultation with the relevant agencies:	See Appendix C for communications with the Department and relevant stakeholders.	As per engagement with the Department prior to the audit, several other agencies/stakeholders were consulted during the audit. These communications are discussed within the Audit Report and contained in Appendix C of the report.	Compliant	
182	Consolidated Consent	9(e)	assess whether the development complies with the relevant requirements in this consent, and any strategy, plan or program required under this consent; and	This report	The audit report assesses the requirements of the consent as well as the plans and strategies required under the consent.	Compliant	
183	Consolidated Consent	9(f)	recommend appropriate measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the development and any strategy, plan or program required under this consent.	This report	Section 3.7 of this report assesses the environmental performance of the development.	Compliant	
184	Consolidated Consent	9	Within 3 months of commencing an Independent Environmental Audit, or unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary in writing, a copy of the audit report must be submitted to the Planning Secretary, and any other NSW agency that requests it, together with a response to any recommendations contained in the audit report, and a timetable for the implementation of the recommendations.	This report	This report documents the first of the audits required under this condition.	Compliant	
185	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	Access to Information The Applicant must: make the following information publicly available on its website as relevant to the stage of the development:	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The project website includes a page for approval documents.	Compliant	
186	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	the EIS;	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The EIS was published on the project website.	Compliant	
187	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	the final layout plans for the development	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The layout plans were published on the project website.	Compliant	

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188	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	current statutory approvals for the development;	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The current development consent was published on the project website.	Compliant	
189	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of this consent;	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The EMS, CCP, TMP, Haulage Plan, BMP, CHMP, and AES were all published on the project website.	Compliant	
190	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	the proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation or decommissioning of the development is to be staged;	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The plans for Stage 2, 3a and 3b were published on the project website.	Compliant	
191	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	how complaints about the development can be made;	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The Complaint Handling Procedure was published on the project website.	Compliant	
192	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	a complaints register;	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	The Complaints Register was published on the project website.	Compliant	
193	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	compliance reports;	Audit interviews 08/05/23	No compliance reports are relevant to the audit period.	Not triggered	
194	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	any independent environmental audit, and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit; and	Audit interviews 08/05/23	No independent environmental audits were undertaken during the audit period (this is the first).	Not triggered	
195	Consolidated Consent	10(a)	any other matter required by the Planning Secretary; and	Audit interviews 08/05/23	The Planning Secretary has not made any requests in this regard.	Compliant	
196	Consolidated Consent	10(b)	keep this information up to date, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary	Website reviewed on 04/05/2023 https://wollarsolar.com.au/approvals-and-plans/	Each document appeared to be in its most current version.	Compliant	
Environmental Management Strategy							
197	EMS	5.1	Soil and Water Quality Management Erosion and Sediment Control Plans (ESCPs) will be prepared per Section 5.1.1 by a suitably qualified person and will be reviewed by the Proponent prior to implementation. ESCPs will be prepared progressively and for all stages of works.	Erosion & Sediment Control Plan, 14/04/2023, WSF-SMC-CI-RPT-0061	During the audit an ESCP covering the current stage of development was sighted. The ESCP generally complied with this requirement.	Compliant	
198	EMS	5.1	Soil and Water Management Plans (SWMPs) will be prepared per Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 by a suitably qualified person and will be reviewed by the Proponent prior to implementation. SWMPs will be prepared progressively and for all stages of works.	Construction Environmental Management Plan, May 2023, WSF-SPD-PLN0006	Soil and Water Management protocols are addressed in the CEMP, which generally complies with these requirements.	Compliant	

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199	EMS	5.1.3	Water Pollution In order to prevent any water pollution, pollution control measures will be detailed in the SWMP including chemical and fuel storage protocols, notification for pollution incidents and monitoring activities.	Construction Environmental Management Plan, May 2023, WSF-SPD-PLN0006	These protocols are outlined in the CEMP and audit interviews and site observations indicated active implementation.	Compliant	
200	EMS	5.3	Spill Prevention and Response Contractors will include a Spill and Contamination Response Plan as part of their CEMPs.	Construction Environmental Management Plan, May 2023, WSF-SPD-PLN0006 Spill & Contamination Plan, September 2022, v2 Emergency Preparedness & Response Management Plan, 26/02/2022, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0005	A Spill & Contamination Plan is a sub-plan to the CEMP.	Compliant	
201	EMS	5.3	Further details on storage and handling of dangerous goods will be detailed in the EP and SWMP.	Construction Environmental Management Plan, May 2023, WSF-SPD-PLN0006 Emergency Preparedness & Response Management Plan, 26/02/2022, WSF-SPD-PM-PLN-0005	The CEMP contains management measures relating to storage and handling of dangerous goods. Spill and contamination response is also outlined in the Emergency Response Plan, which is referenced in the CEMP.	Compliant	
202	EMS	5.4	Emergency Response and Fire Safety Contractors will include comprehensive plans for responding to emergencies within the CEMPs for their works including but not limited to a Bushfire Management Plan (BFMP), Flood Response Plan (FRP) and Spill and Contamination Response Plan (SCRP).	Construction Environmental Management Plan, May 2023, WSF-SPD-PLN0006 Bushfire Management Plan, April 2022, v1 Flood Emergency Response Plan, September 2022, v2 Spill & Contamination Plan, September 2022, v2	A Bushfire Management Plan includes response procedures in the event of a bushfire. A Flood Emergency Response Plan includes protocols for responses in the event of a flood. Spill and contamination response is outlined in the Emergency Response Plan, which is referenced in the CEMP. Recommendation: The Bushfire Management Plan appears to be in draft, it is recommended that this document be finalised.	Compliant	
203	EMS	5.5	Noise Control A Noise Management Plan will be developed by construction contractors for inclusion in their CEMP.	A Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, September 2022, v1	The Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan was sighted during the audit.	Compliant	
204	EMS	5.5	In accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009), noise generated by any construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site will be minimised in accordance with the best practice requirements (section 6 of the guideline). This will be done through the following steps: Identify work practices expected to generate high levels of noise,	A Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, September 2022, v1	The Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan was generally consistent with the requirements of the EMS.	Compliant	

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			Select the feasible and reasonable work practices relevant to the scenario from section 6 of the guideline, Apply the applicable work practices.				
205	EMS	5.8	Non-Aboriginal Heritage Should an item of historic heritage be identified, the Heritage Division (OEH) would be contacted prior to further work being carried out in the vicinity.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	No unexpected finds have been encountered during the audit period.	Not Triggered	
206	EMS	6	Training, Awareness and Competence The HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) will coordinate the environmental training in conjunction with other training and development activities (e.g. safety).	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was reported that the Site Environment Manager will have primary responsibility for coordinating environmental training.	Compliant	
207	EMS	6.1	Environmental Induction Prior to working on site all personnel and sub-contractors will undertake a site-specific induction covering environmental aspects (this may be an online induction).	Site Induction, v9	During the audit the site induction was sighted. It contained content relating to environmental commitments, risks, monitoring, unexpected finds, and key mitigation measures.	Compliant	
208	EMS	6.1	The HSEQ Manager will conduct the environmental component of the site inductions.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	Either the WHS Manager or Environment Manager will conduct the induction.	Compliant	
209	EMS	6.1	A record of all environment inductions will be maintained and kept on site.	Induction Register	An induction register was sighted during the audit, which appeared to be comprehensive.	Compliant	
210	EMS	6.1	The HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) will review and approve the induction program and monitor implementation.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was reported that the Environment Manager is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the induction process and environmental training effectiveness. The induction is updated as the project progresses to capture evolving environmental issues. The induction is currently up to version 8.	Compliant	
211	EMS	6.2	Toolbox Talks, Training and Awareness Toolbox talks will be one method used to raise awareness and inform personnel of issues related to environmental risks. Discussion of environmental issues will be a standard agenda item on all toolbox talks.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During audit interviews it was reported that Toolbox talks are used to cover a range of current issues, including environmental issues. It was reported that recently wildlife, pests and driver safety had been covered.	Compliant	
212	EMS	6.3	Environmental Awareness Training The Site Manager will conduct a daily pre-start meeting with the site workforce before the commencement of work each day (or shift) or where changes occur during a shift. Daily pre-start meetings are generally succinct and will take approximately 10-15 minutes.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Daily Prestart Notes 04/05/23 Daily Prestart Notes 02/05/23	During site interviews it was confirmed that daily pre-start meetings were held.	Compliant	

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213	EMS	6.3	The environmental component of pre-starts will be determined by the contractor Project Manager/Site Manager and will include any environmental issues that could potentially be impacted by, or impact on, the day's activities. All attendees will be required to sign on to the pre-start and acknowledge their understanding of the issues explained.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Daily Prestart Notes 04/05/23 Daily Prestart Notes 02/05/23	A couple of recent Prestart meeting records were sighted during the audit and it was observed that environmental issues were included as key discussion points.	Compliant	
214	EMS	7.1.1	Daily onsite communication The HSEQ Manager (or equivalent), Site Manager and relevant Project staff will meet daily during construction to discuss any issues with environmental management onsite, any amendments to plans that may be required or any new/changes to construction activities	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was reported that the Environment Manager/WHS Manager and Site Manager discuss environmental management issues at least daily to identify appropriate on-going management and issues.	Compliant	
215	EMS	7.1.2	Fortnightly environmental inspections Fortnightly environmental inspections will be undertaken by the HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) and relevant Project staff. The purpose of these inspections is to communicate ongoing environmental performance and to identify any issues to be addressed.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Site Environmental Checklist, 18/04/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that environmental inspections are undertaken fortnightly to assess both lead and lag indicators. Additional inspections are undertaken after rain events. An example checklist was sighted.	Compliant	
216	EMS	7.1.3	Monthly project review meetings Monthly Project review meetings will be attended by the Proponent, the contractors and any other significant parties. The meetings will discuss the progress of the Project and will review significant environmental risks	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Monthly Management Site Review, 17/04/2023, WHS- SEPD-FORM-08.4	During audit interviews it was reported that Monthly Management Site Reviews are undertaken, which includes assessment of environmental risks. An example meeting record was sighted during the audit.	Compliant	
217	EMS	7.3	Management Review A Management Review of the EMS and Project plans will be completed at least once during the Project. This will involve the HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) and relevant Project team members and stakeholders.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During audit interviews it was reported that there is constant monitoring of the EMS and that it is currently undergoing review.	Compliant	
218	EMS	7.4	Government Agency Communication The Proponent will be the main point of contact with DPIE and will notify the Department (via the Major Project website) prior to the commencement of construction, operations, upgrading and decommissioning for all stages of the development. The HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) for the construction contractor may be required to communicate with DPIE directly in relation to specific environmental issues.	Letter of 29/07/21, Staging of Development Letter of 26/11/2021, Notification under Development Consent Schedule 4, Condition 4 Letter of 16/02/2023, Notification under Development Consent Schedule 4, Condition 4	During audit interviews several examples of communications between DPIE and the Proponent were sighted, demonstrating compliance with this condition. Communications advising the commencement of construction for were sighted.	Compliant	

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219	EMS	7.4	The name and contact numbers for the site personnel who are available to EPA on a 24-hour basis and who have the authority to take immediate action to shut down any activity or to affect any pollution control measure as directed by an authorised officer of EPA will be provided.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Email of 25/05/2023, Contact Details for Wollar Solar Farm	During audit interviews it was reported that Derek Powell – WSD, Deputy General Manager, has been nominated as the contact for EPA. Evidence supporting this was sighted. It is noted that this evidence was provided during the course of the audit, though the communication occurred after the site visit.	Compliant	
220	EMS	7.5	Stakeholder and Community Engagement Ads will be placed in major local newspapers prior to commencing each stage of the development (per 1.2.4). These will describe the upcoming works and the public roads expected to be affected.	Newspaper clipping Dec 2022 Newspaper clipping Feb 2023	Evidence of newspaper advertising in accordance with this condition was sighted during the audit.	Compliant	
221	EMS	7.5	Members of the community and stakeholders will be invited to register to receive text message updates from the project.	SMS Notification April 2023	During audit interviews it was confirmed that this service has been offered and a selection of records from a recent SMS were sighted.	Compliant	
222	EMS	7.5	The status of construction works and the plan for upcoming works will be communicated via newsletter updates. These will be uploaded to the website and emailed to community members who register their information. Mailed hard copies will be offered to community members if this is preferred.	https://wollarsolar.com.au/community	A total of 13 community newsletters have been prepared and published on the project website.	Compliant	
223	EMS	7.5	Newsletters and project updates will be posted on the community notice board in the Wollar shop.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During audit interviews it was confirmed that this had been undertaken.	Compliant	
224	EMS	7.5	Project contact information (email, phone number and mailing address per Appendix D) will be included in community notifications to enable individuals to contact the project.	https://wollarsolar.com.au/community	An email address, phone number and mailing address is included on project newsletters.	Compliant	
225	EMS	7.5	Prior to commencing Stage 2 and 3 a community information event will be held in Wollar. Individuals will be invited to provide contact information should they wish to receive text message or email updates.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 A selection of Community Newsletters	An information session was held prior to the commencement of stages 2 and 3, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 – 2 May 2021 • Stage 3a – December 2021 • Stage 3b – 15 December 2022 A community contact list has been established from contact details gathered during these sessions.	Compliant	
226	EMS	7.5	A complaints procedure per Appendix D will be implemented to identify and respond to issues generating complaints from the public. The system includes a	Complaints Handling Procedure, June 2022 Complaints Register, updated 30 April 2023	The Complaints Handling Procedure and Register were sighted that address the requirements of this item.	Compliant	

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			Complaints Register to record and compile information on all complaints received. The register includes details of the complainant, how the complaint was addressed, and whether resolution was reached, with or without mediation				
227	EMS	7.5	A 24-hour line of contact will be provided to residences within 3 km of the site.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During audit interviews it was confirmed that residents within 3km of the site have the direct contact details for members of the site leadership team.	Compliant	
228	EMS	7.5	The Wollar Solar Farm 1800 phone number will be available to anyone and will be included in community notifications.	https://wollarsolar.com.au/contact/	Yes, the 1800 phone number is published on the project website.		
229	EMS	7.5	A CCP was developed for the early planning and assessment stages (Appendix L). Prior to commencing Stage 2 this plan will be updated to incorporate the actions in Table 7-1 and the construction phase. The CCP will be implemented for all subsequent stages of the development and will be updated as the development progresses based on community feedback and to reflect changing objectives for consultation through construction and into operations.	Community Consultation Plan, August 2020	The CCP was viewed during the audit. It was reported that it is currently undergoing review and update to respond to development progress and community feedback.	Compliant	
230	EMS	8	Environmental Site Inspections and Impact Verification The HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) will be responsible for ensuring environmental site inspections are carried out in accordance with this EMS. Environmental inspections will be conducted fortnightly and post rainfall during construction and will be recorded on relevant checklists.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Site Environmental Checklist, ENV-SEPD-CHK-001, 18/04/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that the Site Environment Manager will have primary responsibility for the implementation of environmental inspections, which are conducted fortnightly and post rainfall. An example inspection checklist was sighted.	Compliant	
231	EMS	8	At the completion of inspections, the HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) will prepare the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A site inspection report, • A site inspection action plan listing deficiencies and corrective actions required, • Sub-contractor notices for major/serious deficiencies. All actions will be recorded and checked for implementation. All deficiencies must be promptly issued to the applicable parties, actioned,	Site Environmental Checklist, ENV-SEPD-CHK-001, 18/04/2023 Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit an example inspection checklist was sighted and included each of these items. The process for addressing deficiencies were discussed during the audit, including how they are prioritised, consistent with the requirements of the EMS.	Compliant	

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			verified and closed out within an appropriate timeframe based on the risk score associated with each deficiency. Actions listed will be identified with an appropriate timeframe to close out, that will take risks into consideration (e.g. location, weather).				
232	EMS	8	Prior to the commencement of works on each shift, an inspection will be carried out and will include a check of the relevant environmental controls and resources required to ensure effective operation and maintenance. Works are not to commence unless inspections are found to be satisfactory.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was reported that a check of environmental controls is undertaken prior to the commencement of work each day and that any hazards that are identified are reported in the Pre-Start Meeting.	Compliant	
233	EMS	9	Document and Document Control The HSEQ Manager (or equivalent) is responsible for maintaining all environmental management documents as current at the point of use.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was confirmed that the Environment Manager will be maintaining the library of all environmental management documents. All requested documents were provided on request and could be easily located.	Compliant	
234	EMS	9	All environmental management documents are subject to ongoing review and continual improvement. This includes times of changes to scheduled activities or to legislative or licensing requirements.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was confirmed that the Environment Manager oversees environmental management documentation and that these will be regularly updated according to any development consent changes, to address any areas for improvement that are identified in the documentation and if there are any changes in the environment.	Compliant	
235	EMS	9.1	Document Control Throughout the life of the Project, current versions of environmental management plans and procedure documents will be stored at the main site compound.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	Current versions were available at the main site compound both electronically, and some documents were also printed.	Compliant	
236	EMS	10.1	Incident Reporting Typically, environmental incidents will be notified verbally to the Site Manager immediately. The Proponent would be notified in writing within 1 hour of any incident occurring. Contractors will produce incident reports within 48 hours of the incident occurring, including lessons learnt from each environmental incident occurring, and proposed measures to prevent the occurrence of a similar incident.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews the incident management process was described, consistent with the requirements of the EMS.	Compliant	

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237	EMS	10.2	DPIE Notifiable Incidents After the submission of an incident report, Proponent will review and, if necessary, revise the strategies and plans required under the approval consent to the satisfaction of the secretary within 1 month of the submission of an incident report.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	No notifiable incidents had occurred during the audit period.	Not triggered	
238	EMS	10.3	EPA Notifiable Incidents The EPA will be notified of any environmental incidents or pollution incidents on or around the site via the EPA Environment Line (telephone 131 555) in accordance with Part 5.7 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW) (POEO Act). Pollution incidents posing material harm to the environment should be notified to each 'relevant authority' as defined in Section 148 (8) of the POEO Act.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	No incidents notifiable to EPA had occurred during the audit period.	Not triggered	
239	EMS	10.3	Where an incident involves an Aboriginal site, relevant Registered Aboriginal Parties will be notified, and their input sought in closing out the incident.		No incidents involving an Aboriginal site had occurred during the audit period.	Not triggered	
240	EMS	10.3	Proponent will maintain all records relating to environmental incidents.	SEPD Incident & Corrective Actions Register, WHS-SEPD-CAR-001 Incident Investigation Report, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.3 Incident Report Form, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.2	The Project maintains templates for incident investigation, incident reporting, as well as an Incident & Corrective Actions Register.	Compliant	
241	EMS	11.1.1	Measurement and Evaluation – Internal Auditing Biannual compliance audits will be conducted during the Project. Internal audits will verify that the Project is in compliance with conditions and that environmental control measures are effective. Audits will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the environmental performance of the Project and assess whether it is complying with the requirements within the Project Approval and any other approvals or permits. Review the adequacy of any approved strategy, plan or program. Recommend measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the Project; and or any strategy, plan or program required 	Downer, Environmental Site Audit Tool, 2 August 2022 Biannual Audit, 1 February 2023	Two Bi-Annual Audits have been undertaken during the audit period. As construction of the Transgrid substation commenced in December 2021, two audits and their relative timing is generally in keeping with the expected timing.	Compliant	

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			<p>under the approvals. Assess the level of compliance with conditions, regulations (including license and permit conditions) and planned environmental management requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the capacity to comply, inspect, test, monitor, control and verify that construction activities are being carried in accordance with the Project's requirements and conditions. 				
242	EMS	E.5	<p>No Material Harm Where an incident has occurred that has not resulted in material harm, the HSEQ will immediately investigate and record the following relevant information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The time, date, nature, duration and location of the incident, The location of the place where pollution is occurring or is likely to occur, The nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any pollutants involved, if known, The circumstances in which the incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known), The action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the incident and any resulting pollution or threatened pollution, if known. This information will be used to establish measures to avoid a reoccurrence or escalation in scale in the future. 	<p>Incident Investigation Report, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.3 Incident Report Form, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.2</p>	<p>The document templates for incident reporting allow for collection of all the required information.</p>	Compliant	
243	EMS	E.6.1	<p>Avoid Recurrence As soon as the incident has been contained and external notifications undertaken, the HSEQ will then undertake an incident investigation. One purpose of the investigation will be to identify and understand the cause of the incident with a view to modifying procedures to avoid the potential for a recurrence. The types of preventative actions taken could</p>	<p>Incident Investigation Report, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.3 Incident Report Form, WHS-SEPD-FORM-010.2</p>	<p>The document templates for incident reporting allow for collection of all the required information.</p>	Compliant	

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			include revision to a Construction WMS or undertaking targeted environmental due diligence sessions at toolbox meetings prior to works recommencing.				
244	EMS	E7.1	Incident Reporting - Documentation Any environmental incident will be recorded on an Environmental Incident Report and an updated Environmental Incidents Register will be maintained throughout the construction period.	SEPD Incident & Corrective Actions Register, WHS-SEPD-CAR-001	The Project maintains templates for incident investigation, incident reporting, as well as an Incident & Corrective Actions Register.	Compliant	
245	EMS	L.8	Community Consultation Plan – Monitoring and Evaluation To ensure this plan is effective during the implementation of activities, and adapts as required to new information, the following review actions will be undertaken alongside implementation activities:	Community Consultation Plan, August 2020	The Community Consultation Plan was sighted during the audit.	Compliant	
246	EMS	L.8	Appoint and maintain a consultation manager for the project to implement activities and review this plan regularly.	Audit interviews 08/05/23 Community Consultation Plan, August 2020	During the audit interviews it was reported that a consultant had been engaged to act as the Consultation Manager. A review of the Community Consultation Plan was underway at the time of the audit.	Compliant	
247	EMS	L.8	Keep an accurate record of all feedback from consultation activities and all correspondence with the community.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was reported that Consultation Manager software is used to record all community correspondence.	Compliant	
248	EMS	L.8	Monitor regularly and respond promptly to email and phone queries.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	During the audit interviews it was reported that the Consultation Manager oversee this and maintains timeframes in accordance with the CCP.	Compliant	
249	EMS	L.8	Monitor if the activities reaching a diverse and representative section of the community; do new activities need to be implemented?	Community Newsletter Mailchimp Report, April 2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that the Consultation Manager reviews and reports on the effectiveness of consultation activities. Mailchimp Reports are used to analyse engagement in community newsletters.	Compliant	
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN							
250	TMP	7.1	Traffic Control Plans Specific to the management of traffic, Traffic Control Plans (TCPs) will be prepared prior to works which may impact on traffic on public roads. The TCPs will implement specific controls that have been identified in this TMP, the EMS, the Haulage Plan and any associated plans. All Project-related traffic will comply with the controls listed within the TCPs.	Traffic Control Plan, Barigan Road, 30/03/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that TCPs are in place for sections of Barigan Road, though it was planned to have the TCP updated (in consultation with Council) to cover the entirety of Barigan Road and seek a speed reduction from 100km/h to 80km/h. It was reported that TCP compliance was good, however there had been other incidents on Barigan Road for areas outside the TCP.	Compliant	

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			TCPs will be developed by personnel duly qualified and certified by training in accordance with the Transport for NSW Traffic Control at Work Sites manual in consultation with Transport for NSW, local councils and the local communities, as required. TCPs will be developed by a qualified traffic controller, and documents will include their name and qualification number.		The TCP for Barigan Road was sighted during the audit and complied with the requirements if the TMP.		
251	TMP	7.3	Onsite Parking Prior to commencement of Stage 1 works, an area for the parking of equipment used to perform the public road works will be agreed with MWRC. The location and size of the area will be determined after the road works contractor has been contracted, as it depends on the type and size of the plant utilised. Cars will not be parked in unsafe locations on the edges of the public road.	Audit interviews 08/05/23	MWRC were engaged by WSD to undertake the road upgrades, therefore consultation was not required in this regard. It was confirmed that there were no issues with cars parking in unauthorised locations during the upgrade works.	Compliant	
252	TMP	7.3	It is proposed that during the construction phase, temporary ancillary facilities would be established on the site including car and bus parking facilities for construction staff and no off-site vehicle parking is allowed (no parking on public roads). The contractor responsible for the stage 3 works will use shuttle buses to transport as many of the regular construction staff to the site as possible from appropriate pickup points. On-site parking shall be designed accordingly. No vehicles will be permitted to park on the public road.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that parking had been established for the current phase of works and that shuttle buses were being used, as required by the TMP. Parking will be expanded as the project progresses. On-site observations supported these reports, including a car park with suitable capacity for the current workforce and the use of a shuttle bus.	Compliant	
253	TMP	7.4	Workforce Transportation A Workforce Transport Plan will be developed in consultation with MWRC prior to Stage 3 construction to be incorporated within this TMP. This will include details of the amount of onsite parking and the shuttle bus service for transporting workers to site.	Workforce Transportation Plan – Stage 3a Workforce Transportation Plan – Stage 3b	The Workforce Transportation Plan was sighted during the audit and complied with the requirements of the TMP.	Compliant	
254	TMP	7.6	Driver Fatigue The risk of driver fatigue will be managed by the provision of shuttle buses for daily transport of regular workers to and from the site. Information will be included in site induction training, contractors' 'Drivers Code of Conduct' (Appendix D), and toolbox talks on appropriate driving behaviour, including fatigue management.	Site Induction Training, v9 Drivers Code of Conduct, August 2020 A selection of Toolbox Talk records Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that shuttle buses were in use and that driver fatigue and behaviour were regularly covered in Toolbox Talks. Shuttle buses were sighted during the site visit.	Compliant	

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255	TMP	7.7	Road Conditions – Fog, Dust and Rain Dust suppression is to be used during dry or windy conditions to reduce impacts upon road traffic users and surrounding residences. Dust suppression will be used on the unsealed internal roads within the solar farm development area, and during road upgrades on Barigan Road if required. Vehicles are to be clean and free of mud before leaving the site and entering any classified road, particularly during wet conditions, to ensure mud and other debris is not drag onto public roads and impedes upon the safety of road traffic users. Gravel hardstands may be established near the site entry and exit point for vehicle cleaning/inspections. These measures will be included in the contractors' 'Drivers Code of Conduct' (Appendix D) for the Project.	Drivers Code of Conduct, August 2020 Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	The use of dust suppression was sighted during the site visit and there was not a significant amount of mud tracking on Barigan Road. Rumble grids are assisting with removal of excess mud from vehicle tyres. During the audit it was reported that the vehicle washdown facilities will be established at the site entrance once the front gate has been installed.	Compliant	
256	TMP	7.7	Road Conditions – Speed The speed limit of all internal roads and access roads including the northern access will be 40km/hr. Speed signs will be posted as appropriate in compliance with relevant guidelines and standards. Risks will also be managed by including relevant management strategies in toolbox talks, including complying with posted speed limits and reducing speed to suit weather conditions.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Site Induction, v9	During the site visit speed signs in accordance with the limits specified in the TMP were observed. During the audit it was reported that further speed signs will be erected in coming weeks and that staff were advised of safe driving practices through the induction and toolbox talks.	Compliant	
257	TMP	7.8	Road Occupancy Licence The EPC contractor will obtain Road Occupancy Licences from TfNSW prior to the commencement of haulage as transport routes will include state roads.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that lane closures, or other such events that prompt the need for a Road Occupancy Licence, have not been required. Therefore the need for a Road Occupancy Licence has not been triggered.	Not triggered	
258	TMP	7.9.1	Consultation with Local Mines During construction of the solar farm WSD will provide project updates via email to the Local Mines to make them aware of increased road usage. These will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">notification prior to the commencement of construction,details of forthcoming deliveries,notification of when oversized deliveries will utilise Ulan Road and Ulan-Wollar road for the project.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Letter of 25/08/2021, Update to Northern Access Road construction timescales Email of 20/09/2022, Wollar OSOM movements	During the audit interviews it was reported that WSD has fortnightly meetings with the local mines. At these meetings key traffic movements and any community feedback is shared, amongst other items relevant to that meeting. During the audit example communications from WSD to the mines were sighted. These were advising of the commencement of construction, key traffic movements and also provision of Haulage Plans.	Compliant	

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259	TMP	7.9.1	WSD is also willing to participate in the existing process which the Local Mines use share information received from personnel and the community about unacceptable driver behaviour on Ulan Road with each other. WSD and contractors as appropriate will register for Wilpinjong mine blasting email/phone call updates so that this can be considered within delivery plans.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was confirmed that WSD is participating in the unacceptable driver behaviour information sharing and the blasting updates.	Compliant	
260	TMP	7.9.1	Haulage Plans will be provided to the Local Mines per Section 4.2	Email of 18/11/2021, Haulage plan for stage 3a Email of 03/05/2023, Solar Farm Haulage Plan	During the audit, emails providing the mines with the Haulage Plans for Stages 3a and 3b were sighted.	Compliant	
261	TMP	9.3	Monitoring and Inspection The EPC contractor is to ensure that an inspection and maintenance program for local road access will be established during construction and operation to ensure local road conditions are maintained in a safe state for medium and/or heavy, over-dimensional, AV/B-Double vehicles access. The EPC contractor would conduct the road inspection monthly although Barigan Road and roads in Wollar township will be inspected more frequently.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that local roads and traffic controls are checked daily on arrival and leaving site. Recommendation: While the Monthly Management Site Review includes a category for 'access', it does not specifically include local roads, it is recommended that this be added to make sure these inspections are documented.	Compliant	
262	TMP	9.3	The implementation of Traffic control plans will be monitored and assessed by the site engineer (or another employee of the contractor with appropriate responsibility) and or the EPC on a daily basis.				
263	TMP	9.3	Where subcontracted traffic control staff are required for managing vehicle movement, they will monitor TCP implementation on a daily basis.				
264	TMP	9.3	Where specialist traffic control staff are not required the site engineer will monitor the implementation of TCP's on a daily basis.				
265	TMP	9.4	Auditing A Road Safety Audit in consultation with RMS focusing on the Wollar Road / Barigan Road intersection will be undertaken prior to commencement of construction by the EPC contractor.	Letter of 25/09/2020 "Secretary's Discretion – Road Upgrades"	Communications between DPIE and WSD were sighted that acknowledges the completion of the Road Safety Audit and confirmation that the Planning Secretary agreed the obligation under the consent for turn treatments at Wollar Road / Barigan Road intersection were no longer required.	Compliant	

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266	TMP	9.4	Vehicle Tracking Management Systems will be fitted to all regular project delivery vehicles. In the event of a complaint, this information will be interrogated.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audits it was confirmed that Vehicle Tracking Management Systems are fitted to all regular project delivery vehicles.	Compliant	
267	TMP	D	Drivers Code of Conduct – Induction All contractors will be required to complete an induction of this 'Drivers Code of Conduct', and sign a declaration stating they have read and understood the requirements in the document, and will comply and assist their implementation, requirements and ongoing administration. This may be an online induction	Site induction, v9 Induction Register – a selection of records	During the audit interviews it was confirmed that the Drivers Code of Conduct is contained within the site induction. As part of completion of the induction a comprehension test is performed and access to site is dependent of an agreement to comply with all requirements of the induction. A record of all inductions is maintained.	Compliant	
268	TMP	D	Safe Driving Practices All drivers must hold a current and valid driving licence for the class of vehicle that you operate.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was confirmed that the driving licence for all on-site drivers is captured as part of staff records.	Compliant	
HAULAGE PLAN							
269	HP	4.4	Designated Haulage Routes – Biosecurity All vehicles and plant to be operated on site shall be thoroughly washed or cleaned to remove all soil, mud and plant material that may pose a weed hygiene risk to the Project site prior to arriving. Upon arrival at site the vehicle or plant shall be visually inspected by a nominated A1EMC representative who will complete the Pre-Site Inspection. Compliant vehicles will be provided with a windscreen sticker as evidence of Weed and Seed Inspection prior to accessing Site. Any vehicles or plant deemed non-compliant during this inspection will be required to be cleaned and re-inspected before being permitted access to the Project site.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was confirmed that this protocol is in place. Site machinery, typically, does not leave site once it has arrived.	Compliant	
270	HP	4.5	Designated Haulage Routes – Flora, Fauna and Wildlife Drivers shall only drive vehicles on purpose made, public, and site roads to avoid unnecessary erosion and sediment issues that may harm flora, fauna, and wildlife.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that this requirement is maintained. There were no observations made during the site audit that indicated this requirement was not maintained. Recommendation: That the requirement for drivers to only drive on purpose made, public and site roads be added to the next revision of the Site Induction	Compliant	

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271	HP	4.5	Any damage, injury or death of wildlife is to be reported to the A1EMC Site Management Team.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that there have been cases of vehicles associated with the project colliding with wildlife on public roads. Each instance is reported to the WHS Manager and, where safe, marsupial pouches are checked for young and wildlife services are advised.	Compliant	
272	HP	4.6	Designated Haulage Routes – Road Works Zones Work zones will be implanted on Barigan Road as part of the CoC, this works area will be controlled with either traffic controllers or by means of Portable traffic light system.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	While the work zones on Barigan Road is now complete, the portable traffic light system was still available for use, as needed.	Compliant	
273	HP	4.6	All road users will be required to adhere to the direction of the traffic controllers' instructions and speed restrictions signage through these areas.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that there had been a high level of compliance in this regard.	Compliant	
274	HP	4.7	Designated Haulage Routes – OSOM Permit Where a Class 1 OSOM vehicle does not comply with the mass or dimension limits set, A1 EMC will apply to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to obtain a Mass or Dimension Exemption Permit Approval. For permit approval see Appendix F	Example OSOM permits: -Permit Number 642656V1 -Permit Number 642656V2	During audit interviews it was reported that OSOM permits have been acquired as required. Example permits have been sighted.	Compliant	
275	HP	7	It is recognised that school bus services run on Wollar Road between Wollar and Mudgee, with a 2.8km portion of the bus route on the proposed haulage route as noted above. The bus is scheduled to use this section of road between 7:30am and 7:38am weekday mornings and between 4:30pm and 4:45pm weekdays. The staging of trucks as above will ensure there is no breach of conditions.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that the school bus was not currently running, however this requirement is being maintained.	Compliant	
BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN							
276	BMP	7.1	Ground Disturbance Protocol A ground disturbance permit process will be implemented during construction of road upgrades. The ground disturbance permit process is integral to communicate the distinction between vegetation protection areas and the ground disturbance footprints in which construction contractors will be working. The ground disturbance permit process is managed by the Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Control (HSEQ)	Overall Earthworks Layout, WSF-SMC-CI-DWG-0219 Ground Disturbance Permits, WHSE-SEPD-FORM 01.0-GROUND DISTRUBANCE PERMIT Rev 0, 001, 002, 003	The ground disturbance approval process was described during the audit interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The civil works crew request a permit to be raised The area requested is reviewed by the WSH/Environment Manager and considered, including in light of the overall earthworks plan and environmental management requirements 	Compliant	

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			Manager or equivalent and is summarised below. Contractors are informed in their contract and site induction that all ground disturbing activities require them to obtain a ground disturbance permit prior to undertaking the work.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A permit is issued including requirements for delineation of disturbance areas, any vegetation to be disturbed, consideration of potential disturbance to fauna, requirement for pre-clearance checks by an ecologist, erosion and sediment control requirements, habitat re-use, <p>All vehicles are equipped with GPS tracking and the disturbance area mapping is updated using this data.</p>		
277	BMP	7.1	A pre-clearing survey (Section 7.2.2) will be conducted prior to confirm the location and extent of the proposed clearing and confirm this is within the assessed area.	Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey	Eco Logical Australia was engaged to undertake a pre-clearing survey prior to disturbance within the Wollar Solar Farm development area. The field survey was undertaken on 20th and 21st December 2022.	Compliant	
278	BMP	7.2	Vegetation Clearance Procedure The vegetation clearance procedure will be implemented for vegetation clearance during construction.	Ground Disturbance Permits, WHSE-SEPD-FORM 01.0-GROUND DISTRUBANCE PERMIT Rev 0, 001, 002, 003	Vegetation clearance is incorporated into the Ground Disturbance Permit process.	Compliant	
279	BMP	7.2.1	Monitoring Total Clearing Footprint Vegetation clearance is only permitted in the areas identified in the BDAR 2019. Any additional clearance required will first require a project modification.	Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey	During the audit it was reported that vegetation clearance is managed as part of ground disturbance permit and GPS tracking. No additional clearing has been required. The site visit supported these reports.	Compliant	
280	BMP	7.2.1	Prior to vegetation clearing, the HSEQ Manager will digitally capture and display clearance boundaries within the site. Survey teams and GIS databases will be used to inform and record vegetation clearing and site rehabilitation.	Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey	The clearance boundary, hollow bearing trees, and fauna habitat were digitally captured during the pre-clearance survey.	Compliant	
281	BMP	7.2.1	The cumulative amount of vegetation cleared will be progressively monitored by the HSEQ Manager. Prior to undertaking any vegetation clearing, this value will be compared to the total approved area to be cleared.	Overall Earthworks Layout, WSF-SMC-CI-DWG-0219 Ground Disturbance Permits, WHSE-SEPD-FORM 01.0-GROUND DISTRUBANCE PERMIT Rev 0, 001, 002, 003	While the cumulative disturbance is being tracked by mapping. All vegetation not to be cleared has been protected using construction perimeter fencing. Recommendation: That the spatial data collected from machinery undertaking ground clearance is regularly overlaid on the vegetation mapping to compare the clearance areas and compare the progressive clearance total.	Compliant	
282	BMP	7.2.1	Demarcation of the development footprint is the responsibility of the construction contractor and will be determined by them.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that the development footprint has been fenced off. The fence was established using GPS coordinates.	Compliant	

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283	BMP	7.2.2	Pre-clearing Surveys Pre-clearing surveys will be carried out by an Ecologist prior to any vegetation clearing.	Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey	Eco Logical Australia was engaged to undertake a pre-clearing survey prior to disturbance within the Wollar Solar Farm development area. The field survey was undertaken on 20th and 21st December 2022.	Compliant	
284	BMP	7.2.2	Identifying any potential breeding/roosting habitat	Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey	The clearance boundary, hollow bearing trees, and fauna habitat were digitally captured during the pre-clearance survey. The survey outcomes recommended the retention of seven trees containing nests, until after the end of the relevant breeding season (July-Jan).	Compliant	
285	BMP	7.2.2	Recording number, location and type of tree hollows present for use during hollow-bearing tree removal	Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey	The pre-clearance survey captured the number, location and type of tree hollows.	Compliant	
286	BMP	7.2.2	Clearly marking habitat trees with flagging tape and demarcating area to be cleared	Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey	The pre-clearance survey marked hollow-bearing trees (HBTs) with 'H' in yellow survey paint and with blue and white striped flagging tape. The number and size of hollows was recorded.	Compliant	
287	BMP	7.2.2	Remove any hollow bearing trees outside of Spring and Gang-gang Cockatoo breeding season (i.e. between October and January). If clearing outside of this period cannot be achieved, pre-clearing surveys would be undertaken to ensure no impacts to fauna would occur.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary	During audit interviews it was confirmed that there was no clearing of hollow bearing trees during the nominated breeding season. Clearing was undertaken 6-8 March 2023.	Compliant	
288	BMP	7.2.2	The results of these surveys will be provided to site staff (including equipment operators) involved in vegetation clearing, through site inductions, toolbox talks, and targeted training (Section 9.2), as well as through the issuing of ground clearance permits (Section 7.1)	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Ground Disturbance Permits, WHSE-SEPD-FORM 01.0-GROUND DISTURBANCE PERMIT Rev 0, 001, 002, 003	During audit interviews it was confirmed that the pre-clearance survey findings was shared with the relevant personnel and toolbox talks on the limit of clearing, fauna handling procedures and other controls. Ground disturbance permits have been issued, as relevant and document this process.	Compliant	
289	BMP	7.2.4	Clearing Near Exclusion Zones Exclusion zones containing vegetation must be protected from any project impacts. Prior to construction commencing, vegetation in these areas will be protected by exclusion fencing and signage (e.g. Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3).	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that any exclusions zones (other than the tree of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance) are outside the construction fencing that has been established. No access is permitted outside the construction fence.	Compliant	
290	BMP	7.2.4	These areas will be communicated to site staff (including equipment operators) through site inductions, toolbox talks and targeted training prior to works taking place in the vicinity.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Site Induction, v9	All staff are advised that access outside the construction fence is not allowed. This is included in the induction and has been covered in Pre-Start and Toolbox meetings.	Compliant	

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291	BMP	7.2.4	Following any vegetation clearing in the vicinity of a biodiversity constraint which is not to be impacted, the HSEQ Manager will conduct an inspection of the area to confirm that the constraint has not been impacted.	Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary	The post-clearance assessment states that "All trees felled as part of the project were felled under ecologist supervision... Felled trees were inspected for fauna activity once on the ground, including checking all hollows and nests. No signs of fauna activity were detected. Four Lace Monitors and six Microbats) were observed vacating trees during and after felling. No injuries were observed to any fauna and all either self-relocated or were left to self-relocate at their will.	Compliant	
292	BMP	7.2.5	Lopping, Pruning and Trimming Procedure Heavy machinery will not be used for pruning or trimming. Appropriate tools to use are loppers, chain saws and vehicle mounted saws.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary	During the on-site audit it was reported that all tree clearing/trimming was observed by an ecologist to monitor conformance with this requirement.	Compliant	
293	BMP	7.2.5	In the first instance, hollow bearing limbs will be retained. If this is not possible the hollow bearing limb will be inspected by the Contractor Ecologist / suitably qualified expert and placed in adjacent undisturbed vegetation to provide fauna habitat. If an adjacent area is not suitable, the ecologist will provide advice on placement of the hollow bearing limb.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the on-site audit it was reported that the hollow bearing limbs have not been relocated following felling. Recommendation: Ecologist advice on the placement of hollow bearing limbs is sought.	Compliant	
294	BMP	7.2.6	Hollow Bearing Tree Removal Procedure Before clearing any hollow-bearing or habitat trees, it is important to consider if animals are present. Hollow-bearing trees would not be removed during Spring, when breeding is at it's peak for most species.	Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary	Clearing was undertaken under the supervision of an ecologist from 6-8 March 2023.	Compliant	
295	BMP	7.2.6	If clearing outside of this period cannot be achieved, pre-clearing surveys would be undertaken to ensure no impacts to fauna would occur.	Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary	Clearing was undertaken under the supervision of an ecologist from 6-8 March 2023.	Compliant	
296	BMP	7.2.7	Removal of Trees Outside the Approved Clearing Limits The approved clearing limit is the line between the vegetation to be removed and the vegetation to be retained. It will be shown on all design plans as required. Some construction activities will require tree removal or trimming that has not been included in the design. Where additional impacts to trees are required, the following process will be followed:	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that no additional clearing has been required during the audit period.	Compliant	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Site Manager will notify the HSEQ Manager of the location and need for the tree impact via the ground disturbance permit process The HSEQ Manager will assess that the tree (or other vegetation type) is not heritage listed, part of an EEC, a habitat tree, nominated for retention or protected under relevant legislation and is legally able to be removed and/or trimmed. Alternatives to removing the tree will also be investigated at this stage. The HSEQ Manager will consult a heritage specialist if heritage significance is suspected. The Supervisor will await written confirmation from the HSEQ Manager prior to restarting works around the tree(s). 				
297	BMP	7.3	Re-Use of Resources Re-use of Coarse Woody Debris Within the solar farm area felled timber from greater than 200 mm and less than 600 mm in diameter will be used as CWD for habitat enhancement and to maximise the salvage of resources within the disturbance area for beneficial reuse.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that felled timber has not yet been relocated. The need to deal with timber according to size was acknowledged. Recommendation: Seek ecologist recommendations for the placement of CWD (greater than 200 mm and less than 600mm in diameter).	Compliant	
298	BMP	7.3.1	CWD will be placed as discrete logs rather than in piles to reduce fire risk and potential for use as shelter by feral animals such as foxes and rabbits. The density of CWD must take into account existing fallen timber				
299	BMP	7.3.1	Removal, transportation, and placement of CWD will be carried out in a manner that minimises disturbance to native vegetation, including the canopy, trees, shrubs, standing dead timber, fallen timber, and groundcover, as well as topsoil.				
300	BMP	7.3.1	Felled timber greater than 600 mm in diameter (primarily tree trunks) will be used as CWD where practicable or left on site where it is too large to transport.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that felled timber has not yet been relocated. It was reported that trees greater than 600m in diameter will need to be relocated.	Compliant	

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					Recommendation: Seek ecologist recommendations for the placement of CWD (greater than 600 mm in diameter).		
301	BMP	7.3.1	Felled timber between 10 and 200 mm in diameter will be chipped and used for disturbed area rehabilitation.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was acknowledged that timber <200mm in diameter could be chipped and used for rehabilitation.	Compliant	
302	BMP	7.3.1	Where timber is felled within road reserves it may need to be removed in accordance with the requirements of the responsible road authority	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	As Council was engaged to undertake the road upgrades, any felled trees will have been moved by Council, its requirements.	Compliant	
303	BMP	7.3.2	Re-use of Rocks Rocks greater than 300 mm diameter at their widest point removed during construction will be retained and relocated to areas on the advice of an Ecologist.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was during the audit period, not a lot of rocky ground has been encountered. It was acknowledged that any rock >300mm would be repurposed.	Compliant	
304	BMP	7.3.2	Removal, transportation, and placement of rocks will be carried out in a manner that minimises disturbance to vegetation constraints, including the canopy, trees, shrubs, standing dead timber, fallen timber, and groundcover, as well as topsoil.				
305	BMP	7.3.3	Re-use of Soil Resources Topsoil will be salvaged where possible within the approved disturbance area and stockpiled for beneficial reuse in the enhancement or rehabilitation of the site, as per the Weed Management Procedure.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that there would be a minimum stripping of 150mm and that topsoil and vegetation would be stockpiled together, as required. On completion these stockpiles would be re-used as far as practicable for rehabilitation purposes.	Compliant	
306	BMP	7.3.3	Stockpiles and storage of materials and machinery will avoid the dripline (extent of foliage cover) of any native tree.	Ground Disturbance Permits, WHSE-SEPD-FORM 01.0-GROUND DISTURBANCE PERMIT Rev 0, 001, 002, 003	The Ground Disturbance Permit includes a requirement that Stockpiles, including materials, must not be placed within the dripline (extent of foliage cover) of any native tree.	Compliant	
307	BMP	7.4	Threatened Species Finds Procedures The threatened species finds procedure will be implemented whenever a threatened species is unexpectedly found throughout construction and operation across the development footprint.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Site Induction, v9	During the audit interviews it was reported that there had not been any unexpected finds in terms on threatened species. The interviewee demonstrated an understanding of the required protocol. The site induction includes requirements in this regard.	Compliant	
308	BMP	7.4	Any nests found in habitat features to be removed during construction will be inspected by an Ecologist to determine whether fauna are using the nest, and	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Letter of 09/01/2023, Pre-clearing survey Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary	The Stage 3b pre-clearance survey identified some nests in trees to be felled and made recommendations that these were left for one	Compliant	

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			whether relocation of the fauna and the nest to an adjacent area is viable.		month to allow occupants to leave. This recommendation was complied with.		
309	BMP	7.4	As a general principle, any native animals found with the construction area will be avoided. Fauna will only be handled by a qualified ecologist or wildlife carer with relevant skills and experience (e.g. snake handling), and only when absolutely necessary.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that project personnel avoid interacting with native animals as far as possible. There has been some kangaroos within the construction area and they are being given space to leave the area. To date, no handling of native animals has been required.	Compliant	
310	BMP	7.5	Weed Management The Site Manager or HSEQ Manager will also initiate collaboration with adjoining landholders to control animal pests and weeds that may traverse property boundaries. These initial communications will inform collaborative pest and weed management measures during construction and operation	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Wollar Solar Farm - Pest & Fauna Sightings, last updated 10/05/23	During the audit it was reported that the project has signed up to the local land services pest management program in agreement with the neighbours. The project also maintains a Pest Sighting Register to monitor the number of sightings.	Compliant	
311	BMP	7.5.1	For more intensive infestations of weeds, the use of selective herbicides may be warranted to prevent seed set and promote weed control. The advice of an ecologist and agronomist will be sought to advise on the control of weed infestations.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that no intensive weed infestations have been encountered during the audit period.	Compliant	
312	BMP	7.5.1	During construction, the HSEQ Manager will do the following weed inspections: Survey weed distribution across the project site monthly	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that weed surveys are being undertaken monthly. Recommendation: It is recommended that the weed surveys are documented, to allow tracking of weed distribution and proliferation, over time.	Compliant	
313	BMP	7.5.1	Survey weed abundance in exclusion zones monthly.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that weed surveys are being undertaken monthly. Recommendation: It is recommended that the weed surveys are documented, to allow tracking of weed distribution and proliferation, over time.	Compliant	
314	BMP	7.5.1	Targeted weed inspections prior to clearing and grubbing in the affected area.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Ground Disturbance Permit Form	The Ground Disturbance Permit Form prompts assessment of the risk of weed infestation of spread, prior to the approval of any clearance.	Compliant	
315	BMP	7.5.1	During construction of the project, weed control will be based on data collected from survey and inspections of the project site and of exclusion zones. Targeted	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that weed outbreaks have been encountered to date.	Compliant	

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			weed control measures for any recorded weed outbreaks will be implemented within a fortnight of discovery.				
316	BMP	7.5.1	Infestations of invasive weeds will be mapped with GPS, including noting the species and degree of infestation, and capturing an image for monitoring purposes	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that weed infestations have been encountered to date.	Compliant	
317	BMP	7.5.1	The aims of construction weed treatment include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply weed treatments to all mapped invasive weed infestation areas. Reduction in invasive weed distribution by at least 50% in mapped infestation area. No more than 10% of groundcover to be weeds in zones 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 (no increase in baseline conditions). Zones 3, 4, 7 and 9 where existing baseline conditions of baseline vegetation is more than 10% weed groundcover would not be left in a worse condition than that prior to construction. 	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Groundcover Management Plan, September 2022, v2	During the audit interviews it was reported that weed infestations have been encountered to date. The Groundcover Management Plan acknowledges that surveys undertaken in April 2022 identified a significant improvement in ground cover since the vegetation surveys undertaken in 2018. This is likely to be due the area no longer experiencing drought conditions. During the audit it was reported that another independent inspection of weeds will be organised in the next year or so in order to provide a formal assessment of these targets.	Compliant	
318	BMP	7.5.1	Herbicide application will only be carried out by authorised personnel (i.e. ChemCert accreditation – AQF 3) in accordance with SafeWork requirements. Herbicides will only be applied in accordance with the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for that product. A Herbicide Application Record (Appendix B.2) will be completed and public notifications made in accordance with relevant legislation, where herbicides are to be used in areas that could be accessed by members of the public. The HSEQ Manager will ensure that a follow-up inspection is undertaken of identified weed infestation sites to ensure treatment was successful	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that no treatments have been deemed necessary, as yet. The auditee demonstrated understanding of these requirements.	Compliant	
319	BMP	7.5.1	Where invasive weed areas are disturbed by construction activities, weeds and topsoil that may contain weed propagules will be removed and disposed of appropriately.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that works have not been in areas of invasive weeds. The auditee demonstrated understanding of these requirements.	Compliant	

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320	BMP	7.5.1	Where weeds cannot be effectively destroyed prior to topsoil stripping, weed contaminated topsoil will be isolated and either encapsulated by deep burying, or disposed of at an approved offsite licensed facility as directed by the HSEQ Manager.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that works have not been in areas of invasive weeds. The auditee demonstrated understanding of these requirements.	Compliant	
321	BMP	7.5.1	Monitoring of weed infestations will occur as part of the routine environmental inspections throughout construction to determine effectiveness of management controls. The presence of any weeds and the necessary management actions will be noted on the Environmental Inspection Checklist (included in the EMS). Please note any occurrences of pathogens such as Myrtle Rust and Phytophthora would be monitored, treated, and reported as required.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that weed surveys are being undertaken monthly. Recommendation: It is recommended that the weed surveys are documented, to allow tracking of weed distribution and proliferation, over time.	Compliant	
322	BMP	7.5.2	No animal pest species requiring specific control measures were recorded during site surveys. However, some may be present at the site. Monitoring of animal pests and signs of their activity will occur as part of routine inspections during construction, and operation.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Wollar Solar Farm - Pest & Fauna Sightings, last updated 10/05/23	During the audit it was reported that the project also maintains a Pest Sighting Register to monitor the number of sightings. There have been several recent feral pig sightings.	Compliant	
323	BMP	7.5.2	A suitably qualified person will traverse the site to identify if vertebrate pests are present, including the following species as a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Rabbit• European Hare• Red Fox• Feral Cat	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that to date none of these species had been identified during environmental inspections or day-to-day activities. Recommendation: Organise an independent pest assessment for later in the project as a verification of these inspections.	Compliant	
324	BMP	7.5.2	As with herbicide applications, pesticides will only be administered by authorised personnel with ChemCert accreditation – AQF 3 and in accordance label instructions. A Pesticide Application Record (Appendix B.4) will be completed and public notifications made in accordance with relevant legislation, where pesticides are to be used in areas that could be accessed by members of the public. Only pesticides registered for use near water may be used near any waterways.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that use of pesticides has not been necessary. The auditee demonstrated understanding of these requirements.	Compliant	

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325	BMP	7.6	<p>Vehicle Hygiene Procedure Vehicle hygiene procedures will be implemented for any vehicle that enters the development site during construction which is likely to come into contact with the natural ground or weeds. The procedures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection upon arrivals in laydown area. • Removal of dirt and/or plant matter from newly arrived vehicles at a designated washdown area by trained site personnel. • Washing and inspection prior to vehicles being given the all clear to enter indirect disturbance areas • Inspection and washing after leaving indirect disturbance areas and prior to leaving the site. • Inspections and washdowns will be recorded on a Vehicle Hygiene Register. An example is shown in Appendix B.5 • Any water from the washdown area will be managed in accordance with the ESCP 	<p>Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site Induction, v9 Vehicle Hygiene Register</p>	<p>During the audit interviews it was reported that these practices are in place. All machinery that has arrived to site have been cleaned prior to their transport to site. The washdown area was to be established following installation of the front gate. At present, all vehicles entering disturbed areas are remaining on-site. The site induction notes the requirement for hygiene clearance before entering site. The Vehicle Hygiene Register was sighted, although it appeared incomplete.</p> <p>Recommendation: It is recommended that all vehicles that have been checked and cleared to work on-site are included on the Vehicle Hygiene Register.</p>	Compliant	
326	BMP	7.7.2	Where night works cannot be avoided, work must not take place within 100 m of exclusion zones.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that night works have not been required.	Compliant	
327	BMP	7.7.4	<p>Riparian Zones around 4th Order Waterways For Stage 3 construction works a 40m buffer zone from the bank of the waterway will be demarcated (per Section 7.2.1) to protect the riparian vegetation around the two 4th order stream under the Strahler System, within the development footprint (Wollar Creek and Spring Flat Creek). The EPC contractor will be responsible for demarcating this area. Construction within the buffer zone will be avoided with the exception of the construction of crossings for the internal access roads and for the installation of underground cables.</p>	<p>Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023</p>	<p>During the audit interviews it was reported that fencing has been established to create this set-back. No works on the crossing of Spring Flat Creek have been undertaken to-date. When that construction commences, particular environmental controls will be implanted to avoid and minimise impacts to the creek.</p>	Compliant	
328	BMP	9.3	Monitoring and Inspection – Construction	Letter of 22/03/2023, Clearing Supervision Summary	Clearing was undertaken under the supervision of an ecologist from 6-8 March 2023.	Compliant	

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			Pre-clearing inspections including checking for roosting/breeding habitat, recording tree hollows, marking habitat trees, demarcating area to be cleared, and targeted bat surveys between June and January.				
329	BMP	9.3	Progressive monitoring of the cumulative amount of vegetation cleared (Section 7.2.1), including inspecting exclusion zones to confirm that they have not been disturbed (Section 7.2.4). Prior to undertaking any vegetation clearing, this value will be compared to the total approved area to be cleared.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	<p>During audit interviews it was reported that the construction fencing is the primary measure for protecting vegetation that the project does not have authorisation to remove. Fencing and exclusion zones are regularly inspected to see that they remain intact and undisturbed.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the spatial data collected from machinery undertaking ground clearance is regularly overlaid on the vegetation mapping to compare the clearance areas and compare the progressive clearance total.</p>	Compliant	
330	BMP	9.3	Monitoring of high disturbance areas, groundcover, exclusion zones and boundary fence lines.	Site Inspection Checklist, ENV-SEPD-CHK-001 Monthly Management Site Review, WHS-SEPD-FORM-08.4	Weekly and monthly site inspections include checks of erosion controls and boundary fencing. It was reported that as reestablishment commences the checklists will be updated to include groundcover.	Compliant	
331	BMP	9.3	Details of resource re-use placement	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Resource replacement had not commenced at the time of the audit.	Not triggered	
332	BMP	9.3	Inspection of waterways.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Waterways are currently protected from impacts as they have been fenced off and are not accessible. As works progress within proximity of the fenceline near the waterway, inspections will check that there is not any erosion of sedimentation from work areas.	Compliant	
333	BMP	9.3	A review of any fauna killed or injured on site. Threatened fauna mortalities will be reported to BCD and deaths of any birds from contact with fences or solar panels will be recorded. Fauna relocations due to vegetation clearing will be recorded.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that no fauna has been killed or injured on the solar farm site and no fauna has required relocation.	Compliant	
334	BMP	9.3	Quantitative assessment of condition of vegetation constraints.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	To be undertaken following construction.	Not triggered	
335	BMP	A3.1	GROUNDCOVER MANAGEMENT PLAN Rehabilitation Areas temporarily disturbed for the Project will need to be rehabilitated and revegetated as soon as practicable.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that the primary areas that have been temporarily disturbed are the road sides which have now been gravelled/revegetated.	Compliant	

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336	BMP	A.4.1	Ripping and Topsoiling Topsoil will be replaced on all areas from where it has been removed. Prior to the application of topsoil, compacted areas will be tined or ripped to a depth of 150 mm to loosen the surface. Areas that are not compacted will not be ripped in order to reduce soil disturbance.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Replacement of topsoil has not commenced, though the auditee demonstrated an understanding of this requirement.	Not triggered	
337	BMP	A.4.1	Topsoil should be replaced over the surfaces, to achieve a similar depth as prior to removal (targeting 30 cm where the amount of retained topsoil from the site permits). The topsoil must be free of rocks and sticks greater than 10 mm in diameter or 500 mm in length. If the surface sets hard after rain, harrow the topsoil prior to sowing seed.				
338	BMP	A.4.1	Spray any undesirable grass/weed growth on topsoil stockpiles with a knockdown herbicide before spreading topsoil. More than one application of herbicide may be required. Apply the last application of herbicide not less than 4 weeks before spreading the topsoil or as per manufacturer's instructions	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	Any current stockpiles have not been in place long enough to establish grass/weeds, though the auditee demonstrated an understanding of this requirement	Not triggered	
339	BMP	A4.2	Broadcast Sowing Undertake sowing using either: A tractor drawn seed drill to place seed at a depth of 5 mm or less; or A spreader followed immediately by a single pass with an unweighted diamond harrow, By hand, where machinery would be a hindrance	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Rehabilitation has not commenced, though the auditee demonstrated an understanding of this requirement.	Not triggered	
340	BMP	A4.2	In areas with an existing native-dominated groundcover, the ground surface will not be disturbed before sowing unless deemed necessary by an agronomist				
341	BMP	A4.3	Hydromulching and hydroseeding Carry out hydromulching / hydroseeding within 5 – 10 days of completed soil preparation or, if delayed by the weather conditions as soon as conditions permit.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Rehabilitation has not commenced, though the auditee demonstrated an understanding of this requirement.	Not triggered	
342	BMP	A4.4	Native Grass Sowing A mixture of native pasture species will be used to minimise the risk of exotic weeds encroaching into exclusion zones. Only those which are likely to occur in the PCTs identified in the project area will be used. Care will be taken to ensure sufficient plant densities. Component	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Rehabilitation has not commenced, though the auditee demonstrated an understanding of this requirement.	Not triggered	

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			groundcover species from either PCT 1303, PCT 281 or PCT 1610 as appropriate will be used for any direct seeding of bare ground triggering corrective action targets. Exact species and seeding rates for this Project will be determined in consultation with the district agronomist and landholder to determine what is most appropriate for the property.				
343	BMP	A4.4	Exotic species may be selected either as a cover crop or to provide long-term stability, where native vegetation is not meeting stability objectives.				
344	BMP	A4.5	Sowing and fertiliser rate Consult with the district agronomist and landowner to determine pasture type and fertiliser rates suitable for each site.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	Rehabilitation has not commenced, though the auditee demonstrated an understanding of this requirement.	Not triggered	
CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN							
345	CHMP	4.1	Protection/ removal of Aboriginal items in accordance with map 3-2	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was confirmed that works had been undertaken as per these requirements and the site visit supported these reports. In addition, while salvage of AFT 11 is permitted under the Conditions of Consent, the project has elected to conserve the site by locating the construction perimeter fence so as to exclude AFT11 from the construction area.	Compliant	
346	CHMP	4.1	Consultation with the RAPs will be maintained during the design and pre-construction phases of the project including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information regarding the intended dates for completion of salvage work involving collection of surface artefacts to be provided to all RAPs via email (or mail if necessary) approximately two weeks prior to commencement of salvage; Invitations to selected RAPs via email to attend salvage works to be provided approximately two weeks prior to commencement of salvage; Notification of completion of salvage to all RAPs via email (or mail if required) within approximately two weeks of completion; 	Cultural Heritage Management Plan, October 2020, v5 Construction Cultural Heritage Management Plan, July 2022, v3 Barigan Road Stage 1 Salvage Clearance Letter Report V1.0, 1 July 2020 Stage 2 Salvage Clearance Letter Report and Temporary Fencing V1.0, 11 May 2021 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Salvage Report, July 2022	During audit interviews the consultation process was described in accordance with these requirements. Appendix 5 of the CHMP contains records of consultation with Heritage NSW and RAPs Salvage along Barigan Road was completed in 2020, salvage of the northern access road area was performed on 27 and 28 April 2021 and the balance was completed in April 2022. Two areas outside the fence line that have not been salvaged as disturbance of that area is not currently intended.	Compliant	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of salvage report in full to all RAPs via email (or mail if required) once finalised; 				
347	CHMP	6	<p>Consultation during the construction and operation phases would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of information regarding any change in the status or condition of sites which are to be monitored in accordance with the CoCs. This may include provision of information via email or phone, and/or invitation to attend site to inspect any such changes; and Consultation with all RAPs regarding unexpected finds in the unlikely event that they occur. <p>This would include the completion of an email notification to all RAPs, and invitation to selected RAPs to inspect the find if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If any sub-surface testing is required (for areas identified in this CHMP are requiring such testing prior to impacts) the testing methodology would be provided to the RAPS for consultation. 	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that there has not been a change to the condition of any sites, or any unexpected finds during the audit period.	Not triggered	
348	CHMP	6	<p>Heritage Control Measures</p> <p>Training will be provided to all personnel involved in construction and management phases of the Project, including those involved in the road upgrade works, on heritage requirements from this plan through inductions, toolbox talks and targeted training. This training would also be provided to relevant sub-contractors to ensure all personnel are aware of the heritage requirements from this plan.</p>	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site Induction, v9	During the audit interviews it was reported that heritage training is primarily provided via the site induction, pre-start meetings and toolbox talks.	Compliant	
349	CHMP	6	A strategy for the long-term management of any items or material that are collected during the salvage program of works would be developed in consultation with the RAPs. The artefacts recovered during salvage collections for sites within the approved works areas would be reburied in a safe location within the Project area outside the development footprint	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Construction Cultural Heritage Management Plan, July 2022, v3	During audit interviews it was reported that salvage items were bagged, labelled and stored securely. They were transported to NGH in Newcastle for storage prior to the reburial and smoking ceremony, which is likely to occur at end of the project, in accordance with the Construction CHMP, which nominated reburial locations nominated by the RAPs and that reburial is in accordance with Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice (DECCW 2010:35-6).	Compliant	
350	CHMP	6	Further archaeological assessment would be required if the Project activity extends beyond the area assessed in the ACHAR and addendum ACHAR. This would	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that the Project has not extended beyond the area assessed in the ACHAR.	Compliant	

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			include consultation with the RAPs and may include further field survey. A formal modification to the development consent would be required if any activity were proposed to extend beyond the approved development footprint.		Observations during the site visit supported these reports.		
351	CHMP	6	The design must avoid the cultural site (Wollar SF Cultural Site 1). A minimum 20 m buffer must be in place around this tree to prevent any inadvertent impacts to the tree canopy and root system.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that this site is outside the construction fencing and has been protected through establishment of the construction fence. Observations during the site visit supported these reports.	Compliant	
352	CHMP	6	The design must avoid the grinding groove (Wollar SF GDG 1). A minimum 15 m buffer must be placed around this site to prevent any inadvertent impacts.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that this site is outside the construction fencing and has been protected through establishment of the construction fence. Observations during the site visit supported this.	Compliant	
353	CHMP	6	The design must avoid the modified tree (Wollar SF ST 1) and possible modified tree (Wollar SF ST 2). A minimum 15 m buffer must be in place around these trees to prevent any inadvertent impacts to the trees canopy and root systems.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that ST 1 is outside the construction fencing and has been protected through establishment of the construction fence. Observations during the site visit supported this. During the site visit it was observed that ST 2 is within the fenced construction area and has fencing established around it. However, it was observed that the fencing around ST 2 was less than 15m from the tree. While it appeared there had not been any disruption to the area within 15m of ST 2, inadequate protection is considered a non-compliance.	Compliant Non-compliant	 NC3
354	CHMP	6	The design must avoid the isolated find sites Wollar SF IF8, IF9, IF10, IF11, IF12, IF14, IF21 and IF25. These sites are outside the development footprint.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that these sites are outside the construction fencing and have been protected through establishment of the construction fence. Observations during the site visit supported this.	Compliant	
355	CHMP	6	The design must avoid the isolated find sites Wollar AFT 6, Wollar Creek 1 and Wollar Creek 2 with a buffer of at least 5m. These sites are outside the development footprint.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that these sites are outside the construction fencing and have been protected through establishment of the construction fence. Observations during the site visit supported this.	Compliant	

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356	CHMP	6	The design will avoid the sandy deposits containing Wollar SF AFT 11 to the greatest practical extent, subject to requirements for access track. The following measures will be taken: Constraints in the area including geometry of existing track, creek and creek crossing, vehicle turning circle and ground conditions, may prevent complete avoidance of AFT11. Design in this case would focus on minimizing impact to the site, Subsurface testing would be undertaken over the portion of AFT11 to be impacted by construction. The methodology for testing would be prepared in consultation with DPIE and RAPs, RAPs and DPIE would be provided with the actual area to be impacted as part of the test excavation methodology, The limit of disturbance to AFT11 would be clearly demarcated during construction using barrier mesh fencing to avoid accidental impacts outside of the approved area. An indicative example of the limit of disturbance is shown in Appendix B	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the site interviews it was reported that while salvage of AFT 11 is permitted under the Conditions of Consent, the project has elected to conserve the site by locating the construction perimeter fence so as to exclude AFT11 from the construction area. Observations during the site visit supported this.	Compliant	
357	CHMP	6	The proposed road upgrade works will be designed to avoid disturbance of natural deposits further than one metre from the edge of the gravel road on the eastern side of Barigan Road between Barigan Rd AFT 3 and Barigan Rd IF3 if possible. This relates to the presence of deposits which are present along the side of the road in this location, which have some potential to contain Aboriginal objects.	Barigan Road Stage 1 Salvage Clearance Letter Report V1.0, 1 July 2020	Evidence sighted during the audit suggests that the road design did not allow for avoidance of these areas. A letter documenting the salvage of items relating to the Barigan Road upgrade was sighted during the audit. The letter stated that AFT 3 was salvaged, although IF3 could not be located.	Compliant	
358	CHMP	6	Design buffer zones must be maintained, but do not require fencing at the following locations: Isolated find site Wollar SF IF25 Artefact scatters Wollar Creek 1 and Wollar Creek 2 These sites will be protected by ensuring that project vehicles utilize the existing access road when crossing Transgrid's land, per agreement with Transgrid.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the site interviews it was reported that vehicle access has been restricted to the access track. Site observations supported this.	Compliant	
359	CHMP	6	Perimeter fencing around the boundary of the Wollar Solar Farm development will be designed and laid out to prevent unauthorized access by staff, contractors	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the sit interviews it was reported that the construction fence had been established and that the final perimeter fence will be constructed later in the project. It was reported	Compliant	

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			or visitors to any portions of the WSD owned land that is not within the footprint of the development		that there had not been any known unauthorised entries to the site.		
360	CHMP	6	On site induction will incorporate information regarding the ban on access to areas outside the fenced development. Those authorized to access and/or undertake works in these areas (such as weed / pest control or bushfire management staff, or staff undertaking monitoring) will be provided with GIS information regarding "No Harm" areas in order to ensure complete avoidance.	Site Induction, v9	The site induction was viewed during the audit and confirmed to contain these items.	Compliant	
361	CHMP	6	Burial of salvaged sites to a suitable alternative location/s on site in accordance with Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice (DECCW 2010:35-6). Salvage must be conducted by an archaeologist with representatives of the RAPs.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that burials were planned following completion of construction. Understanding of this requirement was demonstrated.	Not triggered	
362	CHMP	6	An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form must be completed and submitted to AHIMS for each site harmed or destroyed from salvage and construction works.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Barigan Road Stage 1 Salvage Clearance Letter Report V1.0, 1 July 2020 Stage 2 Salvage Clearance Letter Report and Temporary Fencing V1.0, 11 May 2021 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Salvage Report, July 2022 https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/awssapp/RequestSiteCards.aspx	The salvage reports confirm completion of Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms for each of the salvaged sites. A search of the AHIMS records database undertaken on 25/05/23 to spot check a selection of records confirmed the submission of these forms.	Compliant	
363	CHMP	6	If Aboriginal objects are found that are not part of the sites to be salvaged under the CoC (see CoC Appendix 5 Table 2) then the Unexpected Finds Protocol must be followed (CHMP Appendix D).	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that no unexpected finds have been encountered.	Compliant	
364	CHMP	6	Consultation with RAPs will continue throughout pre-construction works, including invitations to complete required salvage and completion of salvage report, in addition to any unexpected finds or changes in the condition of no-impact sites identified as a result of monitoring.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Barigan Road Stage 1 Salvage Clearance Letter Report V1.0, 1 July 2020 Stage 2 Salvage Clearance Letter Report and Temporary Fencing V1.0, 11 May 2021 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Salvage Report, July 2022	The salvage reports document that RAP representatives were present at each of the salvages. During audit interviews it was reported that no unexpected finds have been encountered and there has not been any identified change in the condition of no-impact sites.	Compliant	
365	CHMP	6	Where any additional, unrecorded Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal objects, not associated with previously recorded sites, are encountered during solar farm construction or road upgrade works, the Unexpected Finds Procedure will be followed.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that no unexpected finds have been encountered. Understanding of this requirement was demonstrated.	Compliant	

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366	CHMP	6	If human remains are discovered on site, then all work surrounding the area must cease, and the area must be secured. The Unexpected Finds Procedure will be followed to notify police and DPIE as soon as possible. Work must not recommence in the area until this is authorised by police and/or DPIE.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that no human remains have been encountered. Understanding of this requirement was demonstrated.	Compliant	
367	CHMP	6	Periodic checks must be conducted of the heritage sites within the project area and road upgrade areas but outside the development footprint to ensure no direct or inadvertent impacts have occurred. This includes monitoring for the burial location/s of Aboriginal objects collected during the salvage program as per the sites listed in the CoC. The results of the heritage site monitoring must be included in standard environmental reporting audits.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that due to the recent commencement of Stage 3b construction these checks have not yet commenced.	Compliant	
368	CHMP	7	RAPs to be contacted in the event that monitoring of sites identifies changes in the condition of no-impact sites identified as a result of monitoring.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that no change in the condition of no-impact sites has been observed.	Not triggered	
369	CHMP	7	Training To ensure that this CHMP is effectively implemented, each level of management is responsible for ensuring that all personnel reporting to them are aware of the requirements of this plan. The Health Safety Environment and Quality (HSEQ) personnel will coordinate the environmental training in conjunction with other training and development activities (e.g. safety). A record of this training will be maintained by the HSEQ personnel.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site Induction, v9	During the audit interviews it was reported that heritage training is primarily provided via the site induction, pre-start meetings and toolbox talks. Records of these meetings is maintained. It is also intended that the RAP will be invited to attend site to provide some cultural awareness training during the project.	Compliant	
370	CHMP	7.3	It will be provided to all personnel in the form of an induction before they begin work on site. This training will address obligations under the Project CoC, the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and Project specific site identification, heritage conservation and management measures.				
371	CHMP	7.3	Inspections and Monitoring Periodic inspection of the Aboriginal heritage sites not impacted by the approved development footprint and the road upgrades will occur for the duration of construction and operation of the Project. The Aboriginal sites will be identified by the project archaeologist	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that due to the recent commencement of Stage 3b construction these checks have not yet commenced.	Compliant	

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			and/or the Contractor HSEQ and marked by fencing to ensure there are no inadvertent impacts during the construction of the Project and road upgrades.		Recommendation: It is recommended that a prompt for a periodic check be included in the monthly reporting requirements.		
372	CHMP	7.3	Inspection of the sites will occur fortnightly during the construction period and monthly thereafter by the Contractor HSEQ following the commencement of the construction of the Project. A log of the periodic inspections will be maintained by the Contractor HSEQ, to be maintained within the HSEQ data filing system.				
373	CHMP	7.3	Any stone artefacts collected during the salvage program will be buried at a safe location outside the development footprint within the Project area, as agreed with the RAPs. Potential locations for the burial will be determined in discussion with the RAPs.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Construction Cultural Heritage Management Plan, July 2022, v3	During audit interviews it was reported that burials were planned following completion of construction. Understanding of this requirement was demonstrated. The Construction CHMP nominates locations for burials, as advised by the RAPs.	Not triggered	
374	CHMP	7.3	The burial location/s of the salvaged stone artefacts will also be subject to fencing, monitoring and inspection to ensure there are no inadvertent impacts during the construction of the road upgrades and Project. Inspection of the burial site/s will occur fortnightly during construction and six-monthly thereafter by the Contractor HSEQ following the commencement of the operation of the Project.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that burials were planned following completion of construction. Understanding of this requirement was demonstrated.	Not triggered	
375	CHMP	7.3	Any stone artefacts collected during the salvage program may be temporarily held by NGH for analysis. Any stone artefacts collected during salvage that would be temporarily held by NGH would be stored in a locked cabinet within their Newcastle, Wagga Wagga, Canberra and/or Sydney offices until an appropriate time as such they can be subject to burial within the Project area.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was confirmed that salvaged artefacts are being stored in locked cabinets within NGH's Newcastle office.	Not triggered	
ACCOMMODATION AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY							
376	AES	5.4	Action Plan and Mitigation Strategies for Accommodation Where feasible, lease rental properties in Mudgee and Gulgong on year-long rental contracts to cover peak employment periods from Jan 2023 to Jan 2024 and secure rental properties.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was advised that to-date the project has secured 30-35 properties, to be allocated as required. Accommodation will continue to be reviewed as staffing requirements increase.	Compliant	

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377	AES	5.4	Lease up to five houses in Mudgee and encourage house sharing for workers without dependents or partners. Establish a monthly review process to monitor worker accommodation requirements throughout construction. This measure aligns with Objective 1 and 2 of Section 5.3	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was advised that to-date the project has secured 30-35 properties, to be allocated as required. Accommodation will continue to be reviewed as staffing requirements increase.	Compliant	
378	AES	5.4	Prioritise booking long-term accommodation to reduce impacts on tourism industry in Mudgee and liaise with accommodation providers to manage peak accommodation timing. Collaborate with Mid-Western Regional Council via their monthly accommodation meeting with providers.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Accommodation & Employment Strategy, September 2022, Rev 4	During audit interviews it was confirmed that this strategy would be employed as accommodation needs increase. Council was engaged during the development of the AES and engagement will continue, as required.	Compliant	
379	AES	5.4	Book long-term accommodation through priority arrangements with accommodation providers in Mudgee, Gulgong, Denman and Sandy Hollow. Establish a monthly review process to monitor worker accommodation requirements throughout construction. This measure aligns with Objective 1 and 2 of Section 5.3.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was confirmed that this strategy would be employed as accommodation needs increase. Needs are being reviewed on a regular (at least monthly) basis.	Compliant	
380	AES	5.4	Manage internal human resources and hiring processes to encourage employees to share accommodation and use shuttle busses or carpool where feasible.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that employment contracts include requirements to utilise the shuttle bus (as appropriate).	Compliant	
381	AES	5.4	Prioritise and select sub-contractors that can demonstrate a high proportion of workforce living in the Mid-Western Regional LGA or greater Orana and Dubbo Regional LGA.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was reported that the majority of civil contractor staff are local. Where possible selection of contractors is encouraging a local workforce.	Compliant	
382	AES	5.4	Embed selection criteria with a weighting to prioritise sub-contractors that employ workers from Mid-Western Regional LGA or from the Orana and Dubbo Region.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was confirmed that contractor selection criteria considered the proportion of local staff. It was reported that the project is aiming for 10% of the workforce is local and currently the project is achieving in excess of that.	Compliant	
383	AES	5.4	Where booking accommodation from larger accommodation suppliers in Mudgee, Gulgong and Denman manage scheduling to allow for shuttle buses to site.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During audit interviews it was confirmed that there are common pick-up points for the shuttle bus and that these will be reviewed as the project progresses.	Compliant	
384	AES	5.4	Establish and maintain a register of forecasted worker accommodation requirements and accommodation options to prioritise accommodation sharing or clustering.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was advised forecasting of employee numbers and accommodation requirements was being undertaken on a regular (at least monthly)	Compliant	

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					basis to allow forward accommodation planning.		
385	AES	5.4	Establish and maintain a register of local property owners who have expressed interest in offering dwellings for rent.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 A selection of example emails	During the audit interviews it was advised that offers of accommodation had been received through the project website. BJEI have been collating these and passing onto the contractor/subcontractor.	Compliant	
386	AES	6	Establish a register of property owners with rooms or houses/dwellings to rent and maintain records of number of rooms and rates of rental costs.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 A selection of example emails	During the audit interviews it was advised that offers of accommodation had been received through the project website. BJEI have been collating these and passing onto the contractor/subcontractor.	Compliant	
387	AES	6.5	Employment Strategy The development will generate around 500 direct FTE during construction (maximum of 400 at any one time) and 5 full time staff during operation and maintenance phase of 30 years.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that there were currently approximately 60 on-site. It was confirmed that the forecasted peak is 400.	Compliant	
388	AES	6.5	Actions and Mitigation Strategies for Employment Develop a Sunterra -sponsored apprenticeship program that would enable locals to benefit from energy employment opportunities / sets out a school-based education into employment pathways	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that this will be implemented as the project progresses.	Compliant	
389	AES	6.5	Establish and maintain a Sunterra sponsored apprenticeship/traineeship program and manage pathways into work experience and employment at the development. Deliver a program to include two supported apprentices, funding their wages and TAFE fees for the duration of their apprenticeship/traineeship, for up to four years.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that this will be implemented as the project progresses.	Compliant	
390	AES	6.5	Partner with Mid-Western Regional Council, Aboriginal employment services, local organisations and other community groups e.g. Business Mudgee. to support regional modelling of workforce needs and communicate employment and procurement opportunities emerging from the development.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that this has been pursued and BJC, an indigenous business has been appointed to manage site security.	Compliant	
391	AES	6.5	Partner with local organisations to provide data on required workforce skills and roles. Partner with local organisations to communicate employment and	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that a community information session was held to	Compliant	

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			procurement opportunities to local businesses and workers.		discuss skills and services needed throughout the project and invite registrations of interest.		
392	AES	6.5	Establish and maintain an Expression of Interest register for local businesses as well as those looking for individual employment	Register of Employment Opportunities	The Register of Employment Opportunities was sighted during the audit and seen to contain approximately 54 registrations of interest.	Compliant	
CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN							
393	CEMP	A.G	External and Government Authority Consultation The HSE Manager or Project Manager will be the main point of contact regarding specific environmental issues. The HSE Manager and Project Manager has the responsibility to report on the ongoing environmental performance of the project to DPIE.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Various communications with DPIE	During audit interviews it was reported that Duncan Upton (Project Manager, BJEI) is the current primary point of contact for DPIE.	Compliant	
394	CEMP	A.G	Waste Management Plan Where waste is required to be handled and stored onsite prior to reuse or offsite recycling/disposal, the following measures apply:	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the site visit it was observed that there was a designated waste storage area under establishment. Larger bins were located in this area and it was reported that smaller satellite bins will also located strategically throughout the site.	Compliant	
395	CEMP	A.G	Liquid wastes are to be stored in appropriate containers in secure bunded areas with an impermeable floor until transported offsite. The bunded area must be able to contain 110% of the total volume of the stored materials or 25% of the total volume of the stored product for storage of small containers.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the site audit it was reported that the primary liquid waste associated with construction is sewage. The ablution blocks are attached to a septic tank which will be pumped out as required. They are fitted with high-level alarms to give notice in advance of when pump out is required.	Compliant	
396	CEMP	A.G	Hazardous waste will be managed by appropriately qualified and licensed contractors.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the site audit it was reported that hazardous wastes are not anticipated to be encountered as part of the project. Any empty or unused hazardous goods containers will be stored securely in bunded storage and disposed of via the chemical supplier.	Compliant	
397	CEMP	A.G	All other recyclable or non-recyclable wastes are to be stored in appropriate covered receptacles (e.g. Bins or skips) in designated locations onsite and contractors commissioned to regularly remove/empty the bins to approved disposal or recycling facilities.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	It was observed that wastes were being sorted on-site and stored in segregated bins. It was reported that JR Richards has been engaged to remove waste.	Compliant	
398	CEMP	A.G	Septic systems to be installed and operated according to Mid-Western Regional Council regulations.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the site audit it was reported that no permanent septic system has been installed.	Compliant	

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399	CEMP	A.G	Disposal of sullage would be in accordance with Mid-Western Council requirements.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the site audit it was reported that no permanent septic system has been installed.	Compliant	
400	CEMP	A.G	The transport of waste off site would be undertaken by an appropriately licensed contractor. Haulage of waste will be in accordance with NSW EPA Transporting Waste requirements. It is a requirement under Section 49 (c) of the POEO Waste Regulation 2005 for waste to be covered during transportation.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the site audit it was reported that JR Richards has been engaged to remove waste. JR Richards is a licensed contractor.	Compliant	
401	CEMP	A.G	The following waste haulage measures will be undertaken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loads will be covered during transportation. • Loads will not exceed the maximum weight capacity requirements of receiving waste management facilities. 	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the site audit it was reported that JR Richards has been complying with these requirements. There were no site observations to suggest otherwise.	Compliant	
402	CEMP	A.G.6	The following wastes are subject to special monitoring and reporting requirements by NSW EPA under the waste tracking system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous non-liquid wastes (e.g. Batteries). • Industrial non-liquid waste, • Liquid wastes including non-recyclable oils, fuels, chemicals and paint. 	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the site audit the auditor expressed understanding of this requirement. It was reported that such wastes haven't required transport during Stage 3b, so far.	Compliant	
403	CEMP	A.G.6	A Waste Management Register to track all waste leaving the site will be maintained during construction of the Project (Section G.10). The register will record details of waste types, volumes and disposal destinations	Site Services Quantity Register (28/4/23-5/6/23)	The Waste Management Register was sighted during the audit included waste types, volumes, service provider, and removal dates. Recommendation: While the removal agreements include disposal destinations, it is recommended that these are added to the waste register for each removal event.	Compliant	
404	CEMP	A.G.6	Environmental Control Measures Packaging Material Preference would be given to purchasing items for construction with recycled content.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that this is taken into consideration, although due to the nature of the development, the scope is somewhat limited.	Compliant	
405	CEMP	A.G.6	Concrete Ensure the production of excess concrete is not over estimated. Source good quality materials to minimise defects and inappropriate material	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that concrete will be sources as per design requirements, which have been specified to a suitable standard. A designated washout area (bund and lined) will be established. Concrete in the washout bay will be allowed to set to allow removal of concrete as a solid unit and avoid spills.	Compliant	

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406	CEMP	A.G.6	Scrap Material Identification of opportunities to avoid, reuse and recycle, in accordance with the waste hierarchy.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the site visit it was reported that the designated waste storage area will be used for sorting and segregating waste streams to allow for recycling of suitable materials.	Compliant	
407	CEMP	A.G.6	Sanitary Waste Install water-efficient temporary amenity facilities.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the site visit it was reported that the amenities with dual-flush systems were being utilised and hand washing water was re-used for flushing.	Compliant	
408	CEMP	A.G.6	Green Waste Where practicable minimise disturbance and clearing required.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that disturbance is to be minimised as far as practicable and opportunities to reduce clearing e.g. around AFT11 (see CHMP section), have been realised.	Compliant	
409	CEMP	A.G.6	Timber Wooden crates used on site will need to be thoughtfully disposed of offsite. The crates often cannot be chipped to be used as mulch due to chemical sprays used.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit it was reported that due to the quality of the crates they cannot be recycled or chipped and therefore they will be removed by JR Richards, the licenced waste contractor.	Compliant	
410	CEMP	A.G.6	Excavated soil, rock and topsoil Where practicable minimise disturbance footprint.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Earthworks Layout Plan WSF-SMC-CI-DWG-0219 A selection of Ground Disturbance Permits (001, 002, 003)	During the audit it was reported that disturbance is to be minimised as far as practicable and the used of Ground Disturbance permits and an overall monitoring plan is helping to manage this.	Compliant	
411	CEMP	A.G.7	General Waste Identification of opportunities to avoid, reuse and recycle, in accordance with the waste hierarchy. Quantification and classification of all waste streams	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023 Site Services Quantity Register (28/4/23-5/6/23)	During the site visit it was reported that the waste hierarchy has been employed for the project. The majority of wastes from the project will be wooden crates, construction bi-products and incidental wastes from site workers. Sorting and segregating of waste streams will be utilised to allow for recycling of suitable materials. A Waste Register is being maintained to track waste the site generates.	Compliant	
412	CEMP	A.H.8	Recyclable Materials Buy in bulk to minimise packaging waste.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the site visit it was reported that chemicals and other items required in large quantities will be purchased in bulk to minimise packaging waste. Site observations supported this.	Compliant	
413	CEMP	A.H.8	Training All employees, contractors and utility staff working on site will undergo site induction training relating to waste management issues. Targeted training in the form of toolbox talks or specific training will also be provided to personnel with a key role in soil and water management. Targeted	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site Induction, v9	During the audit interviews it was reported that the site induction includes guidance on waste management and that toolbox talks are used to share more detailed information on proper waste management, including sorting, spills, erosion and sediment control and site stabilisation.	Compliant	

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			training would address the requirements of the environmental control measures, POEO Act and the Water Management Act 2000. It would also examine key techniques for erosion and sediment control and site stabilisation				
414	CEMP	A.H.8	Compliance Management The HSEQ Officer shall ensure that the Project personnel are trained to respond appropriately to flood emergencies.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that there is information in the site induction, toolbox topics and a number of emergency drills planned, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency response • Injury, fire, lightning • High pressure fluid • Electrocution • Heights rescue • Bushfire rescue • Evacuation level 1,2,3 	Compliant	
415	CEMP	A.H.8	An evacuation drill will be undertaken annually prior to the bushfire season to ensure understanding of roles and procedures.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that both emergency response and bushfire rescue drills will be undertaken.	Compliant	
416	CEMP	A.H.8	Radio and/or mobile telephone communications will be the main means of communications in the event of an emergency. A detailed communications strategy incorporating use of mobile phones, radio use (type, channels and call-signs) will be established and implemented. During an emergency, personnel are alerted by the call "Emergency, Emergency, Emergency." The Site Manager responds.	Audit interviews held 08/05/2023 Site visit undertaken 11/05/2023	During the audit interviews it was reported that both mobiles and site radios are the primary tool for communication. There is a dedicated radio channel and protocols for use, in the event of an emergency.	Compliant	

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Appendix C – Site Inspection Photos



Photo 1: Chemical Storage



Photo 2: Spill kit in workshop area

A1 EARTHWORX
MINING AND CIVIL

Project: Wollar Solar Farm

Emergency Contacts: Project Manager: Nathan Roworth - 0408 289 123

Company	Chemical Name A-Z	Supplier	MSDS (Issue Date)	Hazardous Y/N
Lacnam	540 Polyurethane Part B Hardener	Lacnam Paints Australia	1/10/2016	Yes
HiChem	2P Hardener 41	HiChem Paint Technologies Pty Ltd	13/04/2016	Yes
HiChem	2PACK THINNER NORMAL	HiChem Paint Technologies Pty Ltd	5/04/2016	Yes
R H BARE LTD	480 PREMIUM EMAMEL	Bare-Co	9/05/2019	Yes
Lacnam	540 POLYURETHANE PART A	Lacnam Paints Australia	1/10/2016	Yes
HiChem	601SE SUPER ENAMEL COLOURS	HiChem Paint Technologies Pty Ltd	15/11/2016	Yes
Dulux	889-H0158 DULUX METALSHIELD ZINC GALV	Dulux	25/03/2021	Yes
Glendale Packaging Pty	Acetone	Glendale Packaging Pty Ltd	16/09/2016	Yes
HiChem	Acrylic Lacquer - Colour Range	HiChem Paint Technologies Pty Ltd	14/09/2015	Yes
Wurth Australia Pty Ltd	Active Glass Cleaner	Wurth UK Ltd	28/02/2019	Yes
BP Australia	AdBlue	BP Australia Pty Ltd	20/01/2016	No
HiChem	AE AUTO ENAMEL COLOURS	HiChem Paint Technologies Pty Ltd	22/12/2016	Yes
HiChem	Aerosol Spray Putty	HiChem Paint Technologies Pty Ltd	17/09/2015	Yes
ProLube Lubricants	AGTRANS430	Lidomont Pty. Ltd	17/11/2016	No

Photo 3: Example page of Chemicals Register and out-of-date SDS's

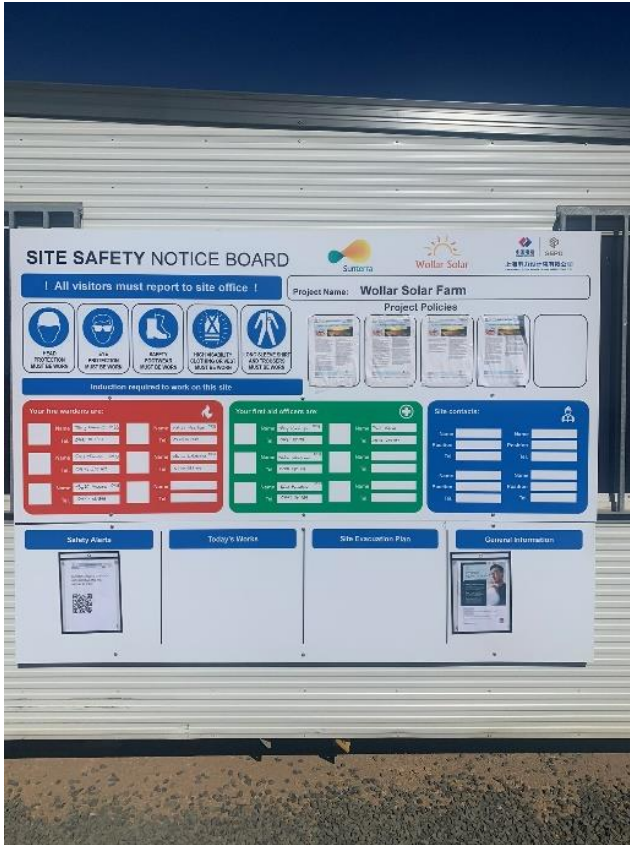


Photo 4: Site Noticeboard including environment aspects



Photo 5: Materials stockpiling area



Photo 6: Fenceline along western boundary of eastern site area, near Spring Flat Creek



Photo 7: Entrance gate to the western site area, where no works are actively underway



Photo 8: Looking east from fenceline near Spring Flat Creek. Example of CWD



Photo 9: Section of southern boundary fence



Photo 10: Example of erosion and sediment controls around stockpiling



Photo 11: Looking north towards to ST2. Water truck spraying for dust suppression purposes



Photo 12: Fencing around ST2, closer that the required 15m protection area



Photo 13: From near eastern boundary looking back towards site compound and substation



Photo 14: Fire water tank



Photo 15: Traffic controls on Barigan Road

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Appendix D – Consultation

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From: Melody Valentine
Sent: Thursday, 11 May 2023 3:35 PM
To: water.relations@dpie.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

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From: Lucian McElwain <Lucian.McElwain@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 15 May 2023 1:39 PM
To: Melody Valentine
Cc: Julianne Smart; OEH ROGHD ROG North West Mailbox
Subject: RE: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Dear Ms Valentine

Your request has come to the Biodiversity Offsets Branch

I have looked at the example audit document - environmental performance section.

Our Branch does not provide the service or function that you have requested

Information on credit retirements can be found on the public registers, if any were required by this development.

<https://customer.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/application/BOAMCreditTransactionSaleRegisterExport>

I suggest you contact the nominated planner listed on the major project page for the development to discuss your request – see below

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/wollar-solar-farm>

Yours sincerely,

Lucian McElwain

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20/05/2023

Contact Planner

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Sent: Monday, 15 May 2023 1:01 PM
To: Lucian McElwain <Lucian.McElwain@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: Julianne Smart <Julianne.Smart@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Hi Lucian,

Further to Julianne's request below, here is some more information to inform the collection of feedback that you might have with regard to the environmental performance of the project.

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- see section 3.6 and Appendix B

Note:

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- I would expect your comments on environmental performance to be specific to biodiversity conservation, not performance more broadly.

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From: Julianne Smart <Julianne.Smart@environment.nsw.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 12 May 2023 11:45 AM

To: Melody Valentine <melody.valentine@beca.com>

Cc: Lucian McElwain <Lucian.McElwain@environment.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Hi Melody

Could you please explain what information you require as part of the environmental audit.

Please make contact with my manager Lucian McElwain in the first instance – as I can see that you will not be available till next week and I will be on leave.

Yours sincerely

Julianne

Julianne Smart

Senior Team Leader, Biodiversity Offset Branch

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From: Melody Valentine <melody.valentine@beca.com>

Sent: Thursday, 11 May 2023 8:00 PM

To: Josh Hoole <josh.hoole@environment.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Dear Josh,

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From: Egan, Will <Will.Egan@dcceew.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 25 May 2023 11:39 AM
To: Melody Valentine
Subject: RE: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hi Melody, Unfortunately I have had little engagement with Beijing Energy International (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd and don't have feedback to provide.

Kind regards,
Will Egan
Assessment Officer

Post Approvals
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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
E Will.egan@dcceew.gov.au

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From: Melody Valentine <melody.valentine@beca.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:31 PM
To: Egan, Will <Will.Egan@dcceew.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Dear Will,

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Melody Valentine

From: Lisa Penson <Lisa.Penson@midwestern.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 May 2023 9:42 AM
To: Melody Valentine
Subject: RE: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hi Melody,

After consulting with the appropriate staff at the Mid-Western Regional Council, they have advised they have no specific concerns about the environmental performance of the Wollar Solar Farm Project at the moment. Please let me know if you require a formal letter regarding the above.

Kind regards Lisa

From: Melody Valentine <melody.valentine@beca.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 May 2023 12:52 PM
To: Lisa Penson <Lisa.Penson@midwestern.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Hi Lisa,

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- BJEI has provided communications with Council as evidence that the conditions of consent that were subject to Councils 'satisfaction' have been fulfilled. So there is no need to provide those.

I hope that helps.

Kind regards,

Melody

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From: Lisa Penson <Lisa.Penson@midwestern.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 11 May 2023 4:01 PM
To: Melody Valentine <melody.valentine@beca.com>
Subject: FW: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

Hi Melody,

Good to chat,
Here are my details.
Kind regards Lisa

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Sent: Thursday, 11 May 2023 3:32 PM
To: Alina Azar <Alina.Azar@midwestern.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Wollar Solar Farm - SSD-9254 - Environmental Performance

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Appendix E – Independent Audit Declaration

Declaration of Independence - Auditor

Project Name **Wollar Solar Farm**

Consent Number **SSD 9254**

Description of Project **Construction of solar panels and ancillary infrastructure**

Project Address **96 Maree Road, Tichular, NSW 2850**

Proponent **Wollar Solar Development**

Date **17 April 2023**

I declare that:

- i. I am not related to any proponent, owner, operator or other entity involved in the delivery of the project. Such a relationship includes that of employer/employee, a business partnership, sharing a common employer, a contractual arrangement outside an Independent Audit, or that of a spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
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