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1 Executive summary

The Limondale Sun Farm (LSF) and Limondale Battery Energy Storage System (LBESS) is located approximately 14 Km South of Balranald on Yanga Way. The site is owned and operated by RWE. The Battery Energy Storage System began 50% operations on 29 January 2026 with full operations being approved by Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and Transmission Network Service Provider Transgrid AEMO on 27 May 2026. The LBESS is adjacent to the existing 249 MW AC Limondale Solar Farm and comprises 144 Tesla Megapacks that are uniquely registered to charge at 100 megawatts (MW) and discharge at 50 megawatts (MW).

The project is located within the Balranald Shire Council area. The site also includes the Operations and Maintenance Building, Limondale 2 Switch -Room and Limondale 1 and 2 Harmonic Filters. A substation was constructed as part of the project and is wholly operated by TransGrid and was not subject to this audit.

The Project was designated State Significant Development and was approved in 2017 as SSD - 8025. Two subsequent modification have occurred SSD-8025-Mod 1 "Panel height and Subdivision" was approved on 27 July 2018. Modification 2 SSD-8025-Mod 2 "Battery Energy Storage System" was approved on 07 October 2022. There was no requirement for an Independent Audit in the original Conditions of Consent. However, Condition 5 Schedule 4 of Modification 2 included the requirement for an Independent Audit to be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (May 2020)*. As such this audit covers the operations of LSF and a Construction Audit of the LBESS.

The Operations Audit covers the period from the commencement of operation as formally notified to the Department of Planning, Heritage and Infrastructure (DPHI) on 29 January 2026.

The Construction Audit of the LBESS was undertaken within 12 weeks of the commencement of construction as notified).

There were two non-compliances recorded against the Conditions of Consent SSD 8025 MOD2 relating to the reporting of a fire incident on site on 24 November 2025. The non – compliances were recorded against the following Condition of Consent:

- Condition 2 (b) Schedule 2 not carry out the development in accordance with the Consent (LBESSNC001).
- Condition 3 Schedule 4 of the Conditions of Consent. RWE failed to notify the Planning Secretary immediately following a fire incident on site on 24 November 2025 (LBESSNC002).

It is recommended that RWE review their Incident Response protocol to ensure timely reporting of incidents on site to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

It is recommended that RWE ensure that all the items identified in the Root Cause Analysis listed in 10.4 are closed out.

2 Introduction

2.1 Background

The Limondale Sun Farm (LSF) and Limondale Battery Energy Storage System (LBESS) is located approximately 14 Km South of Balranald on Yanga Way. The site is owned and operated by RWE. The Battery Energy Storage System began 50% operations on 29 January 2026 with full operations being approved by Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and Transmission Network Service Provider Transgrid AEMO on 27 May 2026. The LBESS is adjacent to the existing 249 MW AC Limondale Solar Farm and comprises 144 Tesla Megapacks that are uniquely registered to charge at 100 megawatts (MW) and discharge at 50 megawatts (MW).

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2.2 Audit team

Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd has been appointed to undertake this independent environmental audit. The auditor was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment. Details of the auditors are provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Auditor Details

Name	Qualifications	Key Experience
Patric Millar	B. Sc. M.E. Management Systems Auditing Leading Management Systems Audit teams Exemplar Global Auditor	35 years of environmental management experience including work in the agricultural, renewable and infrastructure sectors. DPHI Independent environmental audits include: - Berrybank Wind Farm - Crookwell Wind Farm - Limondale Solar Farm
Richard Peterson	B. E Civil M. Environmental Management Management Systems	25 years of environmental management experience in the infrastructure sector. Have undertaken over 100 audits including independent DPE audits for major infrastructure projects including: EnergyConnect

Name	Qualifications	Key Experience
	Auditing Leading Management Systems Audit teams Exemplar Global Auditor	• Crudine Ridge Windfarm • Sapphire Windfarm • Rye Park Windfarm • Albion Park Bypass • Warrell Creek to Nambucca Heads • Northern Road upgrade • Tweed Valley Hospital • Windsor Bridge

The DPE Letter of approval for the auditor is provided in Appendix A.

2.3 Audit Objectives

The key objective of the Independent Environmental Audit was to assess compliance of the Project with the Conditions of Consent (CoC) SSD 8025 MOD2) and the implementation of management plans as outlined in the CoC. The audit recognised good practices while providing practical and reasonable recommendations for improvement that can be implemented throughout the project as operation and maintenance continues.

2.4 Audit Scope

This audit has been undertaken in accordance with Condition 5, Schedule 4 of the Conditions of Consent as outlined below.

Table 2: Independent Audit – Requirements

Condition Reference	Condition	Comment
5.	Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out at the frequency and in accordance with the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>. In addition, a Hazard Audit prepared by a suitably qualified person must be conducted and carried out within 12 months of commencing operations of any flow battery in accordance with the: (a) Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 5, 'Hazard Audit Guidelines'</i>; and (b) <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> (excluding audit frequencies).	Audit undertaken in accordance with conducted and carried out at the frequency and in accordance with the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>.
5A.	Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit.	DPHI approval 24 May 2026. See Appendix B.

Condition Reference	Condition	Comment
5B.	The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition 5 of Schedule 4 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant of the date upon which the audit must be commenced.	Not Triggered at this stage
5C.	In accordance with the specific requirements in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>, the Applicant must: (a) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 5 of Schedule 4 of this consent, or condition 5B of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary; (b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and (c) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the Planning Secretary, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.	Noted, all comments from DPHI have been included in Appendix C.
5D.	Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i> unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.	Noted
5E	Notwithstanding the requirements of the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i> , the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance.	Not triggered at this time

2.5 Audit period

The first independent audit for Limondale Solar Farm was undertaken on 5 December 2024 and covered the period from the commencement of operations of the solar farm to 5 December 2024.

The first independent audit also covered the initial construction phase of the Limondale Battery energy Storage system which commenced construction on the 21 October 2024 to 5 December 2024.

This audit covers the period from 29 January 2026 to 9 July 2026 and focuses on the operation of the BESS facility. The Solar Farm was inspected for compliance with fire safety, emergency procedures and on-site Aboriginal Heritage Management.

3 Audit methodology

3.1 election and endorsement of audit team

The audit team was selected by RWE and endorsed by the DPHI on 27 February (see Appendix B).

3.2 Independent Audit scope development

The audit scope was developed in consideration of:

- The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (May 2020)*
- Conditions of Consent for Approval (SSD 8025) MOD 2 dated 7 October 2022
- Stakeholder feedback from relevant government stakeholders including:
 - Department of Planning, Heritage and Infrastructure
 - Biodiversity Conservation and Science Division
 - Heritage NSW
 - Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Councils
 - Balranald Shire Council
 - Rural Fire Service
 - Transport for New South Wales.

3.3 Compliance evaluation

Compliance against the Conditions of Consent (SSD8025) MOD 2 was assessed along with commitments made in the approved Management Plans for the Project.

3.4 Site interviews

Site interviews were conducted using an interview template developed specifically for Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System and to reflect the Department's requirements and special areas for investigation through the audit. Site interviews were conducted with key project staff who attend site regularly and are in a managerial role. These were the:

- Operations Manager
- Site Administrator

During the interviews staff were asked a series of questions focused on implementation of environmental management strategies, the general environmental principals, project stakeholder communication, air quality (dust), chain of command, employee understanding of their role related to environmental matters, incident management and environmental risk management.

3.5 Site inspections

The site inspection was carried out by the Richard Peterson, Janelle Dalton (RWE) and Ross Greenham (RWE) on 9 August 2026. The inspection assessed the implementation of environmental controls and concentrated on the following general areas from the conditions of consent:

- Emergency preparedness.
- Fire Management.
- Waste Management.
- Traffic Management.
- Heritage Management.
- Progressive revegetation.
- Fuel and chemicals.
- Plant and equipment maintenance.
- Weed management.
- Vehicle management.
- Erosion and Sediment Control.
- Site Training.
- Truck movements.
- Visual Impacts.
- EIS Mitigation measures.

3.6 Consultation

Prior to the commencement of the audit the DPHI was contacted on 4 June 2026 regarding the scope of the Audit. In their response they directed the Auditor to undertake formal consultation with the following agencies:

- Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Councils
- Balranald Shire Council
- Rural Fire Service
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Transport for New South Wales.

Letters were issued to all the above agencies on 19 June 2026. The correspondence register is contained in Appendix C.

3.7 Compliance status descriptors

The compliance status of each condition was determined using the relevant descriptors in Table 3

Table 3 Compliance Descriptors

Compliance Status	Description
Compliant (C)	Sufficient verifiable evidence to demonstrate that all elements of the requirement have been completed
Non- Compliant (NC)	One or more specific elements of the conditions or requirements have not been complied with within the scope of the audit
Not Triggered (NT)	A requirement has an activation or timing trigger that has not been met at the time when the audit was undertaken ⁴

4 Audit Findings

4.1 Approval and document list

4.1.1 Report / Plans

- Limondale Solar Farm, Environmental Impact Statement, EMM V2 11/04/2017
- Limondale Solar Farm, Accommodation and Employment Strategy, V5.1 23/08/2024 (from Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Farm, Biodiversity Management Plan-Stage V6 09/10/2024(from Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Farm, Environmental Management Strategy, V5.1 23/08/2024 (from Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Project, Heritage Management Plan V3 09/10/2024 (From Major Projects website)
- Limondale Solar Project, Traffic Management Plan, V7.1 16/09/2024 (from Major Projects website)
- Works as Executed Plans LIM-B02-R11_OVERALL SITE LAYOUT (from Major Projects Website)

4.1.2 Protocols/Policies/Registers/Procedures

- Emergency procedures
- Waste Register
- Heavy Vehicle Register

4.1.3 Presentations/Inductions

- RWE Renewables Australia “Limondale Site Induction” November 2023

4.1.4 Environmental Inspections

- Environmental Inspection reports

4.2 Performance

A summary of compliance performance is provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Compliance summary

Schedule	Number of Conditions	11Compliant	Non-Compliant	Not Triggered
1	Not used			
2	13	10	1	2
3	33	30	0	3
4	14	7	1	6
Total	60	47	2	11

4.3 Summary of agency notices, orders, penalty notices or prosecutions

There were no agency notices, orders, penalty notices or prosecutions outstanding at the time of this Audit.

At the time of the previous Audit the Limondale Sun Farm had received one agency notice from NSW Heritage. A Direction to Carry Out Remedial Works under Section 91L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (2021031751). The works covered in this previous order have been closed out and were inspected during the previous audit.

4.4 Non-compliances

There were two non-compliances recorded against the Conditions of Consent SSD 8025 MOD2 relating to the reporting of a fire incident on site on 24 November 2025. The non – compliances were recorded against the following Conditions of Consent:

- Condition 2 (b) Schedule 2 not carry out the development in accordance with the Consent. This is identified as LBESSNC001
- Condition 3 Schedule 4 of the Conditions of Consent. RWE failed to notify the Planning Secretary immediately following a fire incident on site on 24 November 2025. This is identified as LBESSNC002

4.5 Previous audit recommendations

This is the second independent audit to be conducted. There were zero non – compliances or Auditor lead recommendations from the previous audit.

4.6 EMP, Sub-plans and compliance documents

The management plans were reviewed and considered generally adequate and having identified suitable controls for managing environmental impacts of the project. The management plans implemented for the construction phase have been prepared by suitably qualified personnel and approved by DPHI following consultation with relevant stakeholders. The plans are technically robust and meet the conditions of approval and other relevant legislative requirements.

The plans were updated prior to the commencement of construction of the BESS and subsequently approved by the DPHI. The updated management plans are adequate for the current scope of work and were observed to be implemented effectively in the field.

4.7 Environmental performance

Based on the observations, audit interviews and records reviews as part of the audit, it may be reasonably concluded that the environmental impacts of construction and operation of the Battery Energy Storage System and Solar Farm activities are consistent with predictions made in the Environmental Impact Statement. It was observed that:

- The solar farm and BESS are securely fenced with vermin proof fencing.
- No additional site disturbance was undertaken to construct the BESS.
- The BESS was neat and tidy,

- Firefighting water was present on site
- The site was in a state of fire preparedness
- There were no observed off-site impacts such as:
 - Evidence or reports of clearing outside the Project boundary.
 - Visible dust plumes or emissions.
 - Dust or mud tracking on local roads.
 - Excessive noise or vibration emissions, noting that current activities are at a substantial distance from residential or other sensitive receivers with no complaints received to date.
 - No offsite incidents of fuel, chemical spills, unlawful waste disposal or pollution of waters or complaints received were observed or reported.

4.8 Consultation outcomes

The DPHI was formally consulted on 4 June 2026 to request their audit requirements. They advised that the following areas required focus on the implementation and compliance with the conditions associated with the:

- Emergency Response Plan,
- Fire Safety Study,
- Fire Hazard Analysis and
- Safety Management System.

In addition to the above focus areas the DPPHI requested that the following agencies be consulted for their audit requirements:

- Balranald Aboriginal Land Councils
- Balranald Shire Council
- Rural Fire Service
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Transport for New South Wales

Letters were issued to all the above agencies on 19 June 2026. The correspondence register is contained in Appendix C.

There was no written response from the agencies contacted prior to the audit being conducted. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) responded on 27 July 2026 with Audit scope considerations for Culcairn Solar Farm. This request is contained in Appendix C. The scope items raised by TfNSW relate to construction activities and were addressed in the first Independent Environmental Audit from February 2025.

The Chair of the Balranald Aboriginal Lands Council contacted the Auditor by phone to discuss the audit on 6 July 2026 and stated that they had no items to add to the scope of the audit.

4.9 Complaints

A Complaints Register is maintained by RWE where information regarding complaints is recorded, including the relevant resolution. The register is available on the website. There were no complaints recoded during the audit period for either the operation of the Solar Farm or the operation of the BESS.

There were two complaints during the construction of the Solar Farm in 2019 and related to vehicle noise at offsite and have been closed out.

4.10 Incidents

A reportable incident occurred on 24 November 2025 when a failure at a module cable-to-panel connection in Block 31 resulted in localised electrical arcing and scorching. The scorching subsequently ignited remnant, dry, patchy grass beneath the array, which remained following herbicide spraying activities.

The Emergency Response Plan was activated. Emergency services were notified at 15:27, and all electrical assets were made safe, with all inverters shut down by 15:28. Rural fire brigades arrived on site between 15:45 and 16:00. The fire was declared fully extinguished at approximately 16:45.

The DPHI was notified about the incident on 14 December 2025, and an incident report was submitted to the DPHI on 6 February 2026.

The delay in reporting the Incident to the Planning Secretary via the Major Projects Website Portal resulted in two non – compliances being identified:

- Condition 2 (b) Schedule 2 not carry out the development in accordance with the Consent. Identified as LBESSNC001.
- Condition 3 Schedule 4 of the Conditions of Consent. RWE failed to notify the Planning Secretary immediately following a fire incident on site on 24 November 2025. Identified as LBESSNC002.

The Incident was investigated by RWE and Root Cause Analysis (RCA) was undertaken. The RCA resulted in six recommendations being:

- A consultation session be held with local emergency services
- Review the contents of the Emergency Cabinet on advice of the emergency services session
- Update to site navigation sheets
- Engage a new supplier for the hotline
- Review and update the communications cascade with neighbours
- Review fire training for onsite staff

4.11 Actual verses predicted environmental impacts

The physical and environmental impact of the BESS aligns with the predicted environmental impacts outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement.

4.12 Site inspection

A site inspection of the Operational Solar Farm and the construction area of the BESS was undertaken on 9 July 2026. It was undertaken by Richard Peterson. The inspection sheet is attached in Appendix F

4.13 Site interviews

Site interviews were conducted using an interview template developed specifically for Limondale Solar Farm and BESS to reflect the Department's requirements and special areas for investigation

through the audit. Site interviews were conducted with key project staff who attend site regularly and are in a managerial role.

During the interviews staff were asked a series of questions focused on implementation of emergency management strategies and response, general environmental management principals, project stakeholder communication, chain of command, employee understanding of their role related to environmental matters, and environmental risk management.

4.14 Previous Annual Review or Compliance Report recommendations

There were no items identified in the Independent Environmental Audit dated 3 February 2025 that required attention or remediation.

4.15 Improvement opportunities

There were a two observed opportunities for improvement:

- Review drainage to address shallow standing water.
- Install clear signage and level indicators on firefighting water supply tank

4.16 Key strengths

Overall, the project environmental performance is being carried out in a diligent and conscientious manner. The auditor observed that the management team and work crews all displayed a willingness to rectify any issues raised quickly and effectively. The Auditor was impressed by the emphasis the management team has placed on compliance and problem-solving. The following key strengths were noted.

- The Emergency Response Plan has been updated, and all staff are familiar with it.
- The Emergency Information Cabinet is fully stocked and located at the site entrance.
- Firefighting resources are up to date and located in key areas.
- Indigenous cultural heritage is well managed on site with exclusion zones well fenced and signposted.
- Vermin control is evident across the site.
- Vegetation cover under the solar panels is strong.
- Complaints and environmental incidents have been recorded and responded to appropriately.
- The management team is eager to engage with the management plans and source external professional assistance to provide the knowledge or skills for Plan development and implementation, as required.
- Spill kits were present and well maintained.
- Electric Vehicle Charging points on site.
- Lighting directed below the horizon.
- The good understanding of the site environmental requirements by all staff is evident.
- Waste segregation is in place and communicated well to site staff.
- Documentation is well managed, up to date and complete.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Non-compliances

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- Review and update the communications cascade with neighbours
- Review fire training for onsite staff

It is recommended that RWE review their Incident Response protocol to ensure timely reporting of incidents on site and ensure that all the items identified in the Root Cause Analysis listed in 10.4 are closed out.

5.2 Opportunities for improvement

There were a two observed opportunities for improvement:

- Review drainage to address shallow standing water.
- Install clear signage and level indicators on firefighting water supply tank

6 Conclusion

The solar farm and BESS are well organised and well managed by RWE. The construction of the BESS has been completed and the transition to operations has been smooth. The implementation of the Post Approval Management Plans has been thorough.

The workforce is aware of and committed to their environmental requirements. Record keeping is efficient and captures all the required data.

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- Condition 3 Schedule 4 of the Conditions of Consent. RWE failed to notify the Planning Secretary immediately following a fire incident on site on 24 November 2025 (LBESSNC002).

Whilst RWE did notify the Planning Secretary regarding the incident it was not within the time period specified in the Conditions of Consent it undertook the following actions in relation to the incident:

- Immediate implementation of the Emergency Plan,
- Successful extinguishment of the fire,
- Undertook a Root Cause Analysis into the fire and emergency response.
- Reported the fire via the Major Projects Website Portal on 17 December 2025
- Furnish an Incident Report via the Major Projects Website Portal on 6 February 2026.
- Implemented a range of strategies on site identified in the Root Cause Analysis relating to emergency response.

It is recommended that RWE review their Incident Response protocol to ensure timely reporting of incidents on site to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

7 Appendixes

Appendix A – Independent Audit Table

Limondale Sun Farm Pty Ltd Project Approval SSD8025 MOD 2 Conditions of Consent

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
SCHEDULE 2 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS					
	OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT				
1.	In addition to 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 Documentation Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	TERMS OF CONSENT				
2.	The Applicant must carry out the development: a) generally in accordance with the EIS; and b) in accordance with the conditions of this consent. <i>Note: The general layout of the development is shown in Appendix 1.</i>	EIS Conditions of Consent Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Non – Compliant	LBESSNC001
3.	If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the most recent document must prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this consent must prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.			Not Triggered	
4.	The Applicant must comply with any requirement/s of the Planning Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of: a) any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent; b) any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and	Conditions of Consent Approved Management Plans		Compliant	

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	c) (c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents				
	FINAL LAYOUT PLANS				
5.	Prior to the commencement of 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. <i>Note: If the construction of the development is to be staged, then the provision of these plans may be staged.</i>	BESS Plans Portal Lodgement	Plans reviewed during site visit, Plan on website	Compliant	
	UPGRADING OF SOLAR PANELS AND ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE				
6.	Over time, the Applicant may upgrade the solar panels and ancillary infrastructure on site provided these upgrades remain within the approved development footprint of the site. Prior to carrying out any such upgrades, the Applicant must provide revised layout plans and project details of the development to the Planning Secretary incorporating the proposed upgrades.			Not Triggered	
	WORK AS EXECUTED PLANS				
7.	Prior to the commencement of operations, or following the upgrades of any solar panels or ancillary infrastructure, the Applicant must submit work as executed plans of the development, to the Department.	Plan LIM-B02-R11_OVERALL SITE LAYOUT lodged via Portal		Complaint	
	NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT				
8.	Prior to the commencement of construction, operations, upgrading or decommissioning of the development or the cessation of	RWE Letter dated		Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	operations, the Applicant must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement, or cessation, of the relevant phase. If any of these phases of the development are to be staged, then the Applicant must notify the Department in writing prior to the commencement of the relevant stage, and clearly identify the development that would be carried out during the relevant stage.	24/09/2024 BESS Construction RWE Letter dated 30/05/2023 Solar Operations RWE Letter dated 29/01/2026 BESS Operations			
	STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY				
9.	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. <i>Notes:</i> • <i>Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the proposed building works.</i> • <i>Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the development.</i>	Construction Certificate – O&M buildings	Building Certificates sighted	Compliant	
	DEMOLITION				

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
10.	The Applicant must ensure that all demolition work on site is carried out in accordance with <i>Australian Standard AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of Structures</i> , or its latest version.			Not Triggered	
	PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE				
11.	Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant must: a) repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the development; and b) relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development. This condition does not apply to the upgrade and maintenance of the road network, which is expressly provided for in the conditions of this consent.	Any requests from Balranald Shire Council for works	No requests received.	Not Triggered	
	OPERATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
12.	The Applicant must ensure that all plant and equipment used on site, or in connection with the development, is: a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.	Registers onboarding	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	SUBDIVISION				
13.	Applicant may subdivide Lot 12 DP 751179 to create one additional allotment, in accordance with the EIS and the requirements of the EP&A Act and EP&A Regulation. <i>Notes:</i>	Sub division certificate		Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- Under Part 6 of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain a subdivision certificate for a plan of subdivision. - Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the application requirements for subdivision certificates.				
SCHEDULE 3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS – GENERAL					
	BATTERIES				
	Battery storage restriction				
1.	The battery storage associated with the development must not exceed a total delivery capacity of 200 MW. <i>Note: This condition does not prevent the Applicant from seeking to lodge a separate development application or modify the consent to increase the capacity of the battery storage in the future.</i>	Specifications	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	TRANSPORT				
	Heavy Vehicle Restrictions				
2.	The Applicant must ensure that the: (a) development does not generate more than: 54 heavy vehicle movements a day during construction, upgrading or decommissioning; and 2 heavy vehicle movements a day during operations; on the public road network; and (b) length of any vehicles used for the development does not exceed 26 metres, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.	Traffic register	Traffic registers viewed during site visit	Compliant	
3.	The Applicant must keep accurate records of the number of heavy vehicles entering or leaving the site each day.	Traffic register	Traffic registers viewed during site visit	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	Access Route				
4.	All vehicular traffic associated with the development must travel to and from the project site via Yanga Way and the approved site entry point (shown in Appendix 1).	Site Inspection Site Induction	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Road Upgrades				
5.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must: (a) construct the intersection with Yanga Way to provide, as a minimum, a new Basic Right Turn (BAR) and Basic Left Turn (BAL) treatment to be able to accommodate the largest vehicle accessing the intersection, to the satisfaction of RMS, and in accordance with the Austroads Guide to Road Design (as amended by TfNSW supplements), unless TfNSW agrees otherwise; (b) construct the site access track to provide for 2 way vehicular movement between its intersection with Yanga Way and the existing access track and be sealed for a minimum of 50 metres from its intersection with Yanga Way, to the satisfaction of TfNSW; and (c) close the existing site entry off Yanga Way, and reinstate the road reserve to match the surrounding roadside landform, to the satisfaction of TfNSW and Council.	(a) Intersection Design, (b) Photos taken during previous audit (c) Measured during previous audit	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Operating Conditions				
6.	The Applicant must ensure: (a) the internal project site roadways are constructed as all-weather roadways;	Inspection	Confirmed as all-weather access during site visit	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	(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; (c) all vehicles are loaded and unloaded on site, and enter and leave the site in a forward direction; and (d) vehicles leaving the site are in a clean condition and do not result in dirt being tracked onto the public road network.				
	Traffic Management Plan				
7.	Prior to the commencement of any road upgrades required under this consent, the Applicant must prepare a Traffic Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must be prepared in consultation with the TfNSW, Council and Western Local Land Services, and include: (a) details of the entire transport route to be used for development-related traffic; (b) the origin, destination, number, loads, weights and lengths, frequency, including peak and daily traffic volumes and destination of vehicles accessing/exiting the site; (c) details of the measures that would be implemented to minimise traffic safety issues and disruption to local users of the transport route/s during construction, upgrading or decommissioning works, including: • consideration of potential interaction with Sunraysia Solar Farm in consultation with the applicant of that project;	Limondale Solar Farm Traffic Management Plan Version 7.2 dated 16/09/2024 EMM Approved by Planning Secretary 25/09/2024 Traffic Register Induction		Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- temporary traffic controls, including detours and signage; - notifying the local community about project-related traffic impacts; - procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from the community about development-related traffic; - minimising potential for conflict with school buses, rail services and other motorists as far as practicable; - scheduling of haulage vehicle movements to minimise convoy length or platoons; - responding to local climate conditions that may affect road safety such as fog, dust, wet weather; - responding to any emergency repair or maintenance requirements; - a traffic management system for managing over-dimensional vehicles; and - consideration of potential impacts to stock movement on the Travelling Stock Reserve (Lots 7306 and 7307 DP 1158277), including options for fencing the site access track; and (d) a driver's code of conduct that addresses: - travelling speeds; - procedures to ensure that drivers adhere to the designated transport routes; and				

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	- procedures to ensure that drivers implement safe driving practices and manage driver fatigue, particularly if using roads through Balranald. - If the construction and/or decommissioning of the development is to be staged, the obligations in this condition apply to each stage of construction, upgrading and/or decommissioning. Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the plan.				
	LAND MANAGEMENT				
8.	Following any construction or upgrading on site, the Applicant must: (a) restore the ground cover of the site as soon as practicable, but within 12 months at the latest following completion of any construction or upgrading, using suitable species; (b) maintain ground cover; and (c) keep this ground cover free of weeds.	Site inspection, Inspection reports	Confirmed significant pasture growth under the panels during site visit.	Compliant	
	BIODIVERSITY				
	Retirement of Credits				
9.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must review and update the ecosystem credit requirements in Table 1 below in consultation with BCS, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. <i>Table 1: Ecosystem Credit Requirements</i>	Check clearing status for BESS	Confirmation of Credit retirement sighted	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)				Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	<i>Vegetation Community</i> Black Box grassy open woodland wetland of rarely flooded depressions in south western NSW (mainly Riverina Bioregion and Murray Darling Depression Bioregion) Black Oak - Western Rosewood open woodland on deep sandy loams mainly in the Murray-Darling Depression and Riverina Bioregions	<i>PCT Number</i> 16 58	<i>Credits Required</i> 76 82					
10.	Within 1 year of the commencement of construction, the Applicant must retire the biodiversity credits of a number and class identified in the review carried out under condition 9 above. The retirement of the credits must be carried out in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects and can be achieved by: (a) acquiring or retiring credits under the Biobanking Scheme in the TSC Act; (b) making payments into an offset fund that has been developed by the NSW Government; or (c) providing supplementary measures.				Evidence of Credit retirement	Confirmation of Credit retirement sighted	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	Biodiversity Management Plan				
11.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Biodiversity Management Plan for the development in consultation with BCS, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must: (a) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for: - managing the remnant vegetation and fauna habitat on the site; - minimising clearing and avoiding unnecessary disturbance of vegetation, including the vegetation communities listed in Table 1, that is associated with the construction and operation of the development; - minimising the impacts to fauna on site and implementing fauna management protocols; - rehabilitating and revegetating temporary disturbance areas; - protecting vegetation and fauna habitat outside the approved disturbance areas; - protecting areas of retained trees and vegetation (including locating stockpiles, parking, boundary fencing and machinery storage within cleared areas or areas proposed for clearing); - maximising the salvage of vegetative and soil resources within the approved disturbance area for	Limondale Solar Farm Biodiversity Management Plan Final Version 06 dated 9/10/2024 EMM Approved by Planning Secretary 11/10/2024	No additional clearing was required to construct the BESS.	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	beneficial reuse in the enhancement or the rehabilitation of the site; - controlling weeds and feral pests; and - undertaking pre-clearance surveys of all hollow-bearing trees if clearing is to be undertaken between July and November; (b) include a seasonally based program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures; and (c) include details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan, and timeframes for completion of actions. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the plan. <i>Note: If a biodiversity offset area is conserved via a Biobanking Agreement in accordance with condition 10a, then the Biodiversity Management Plan does not need to include any of the matters that are covered under the Biobanking Agreement.</i>				
	AMENITY				
	Construction, Upgrading and Decommissioning Hours				
12.	Unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant may only undertake construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site between: (a) 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday; (b) 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays; and (c) at no time on Sundays and NSW public holidays.	Site Induction RWE to confirm Secretary's Approval	Secretary's Approval for modified hours of operation during construction sighted	Complaint	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	The following construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities may be undertaken outside these hours without the approval of the Planning Secretary: - the delivery of materials as requested by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or - emergency work to avoid the loss of life, property and/or material harm to the environment.				
	Noise				
13.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the noise generated by any construction, upgrading or decommissioning activities on site in accordance with the best practice requirements outlined in the <i>Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009)</i>, or its latest version; and (a) ensure that the noise generated by the operation of the development does not exceed 35 dB(A) LAeq, 15min during operation, determined in accordance with the procedures in the <i>NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017)</i> at any non-associated residence.	Complaints register Noise model	There are no recorded complaints for the audit period.	Compliant	
	Dust				
14.	The Applicant must minimise the dust generated by the development, including dust generated along the transport route from development-related traffic.	Site Induction Speed Limit Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Visual				
15.	The Applicant must:	Site Design	Confirmed during site visit. Buildings	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	(a) minimise the off-site visual impacts of the development, including the potential for any glare or reflection from the solar panels; (b) ensure the visual appearance of all ancillary infrastructure (including paint colours) blends in as far as possible with the surrounding landscape; and (c) not mount any advertising signs or logos on site, except where this is required for safety purposes.	Complaints Register	are off white, no visible logos present.		
	Lighting				
16.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the off-site lighting impacts of the development; and (b) ensure that all external lighting associated with the development: • is installed as low intensity lighting (except where required for safety or emergency purposes); • does not shine above the horizontal; and • complies with <i>Australian Standard AS4282 (INT) 1997 – Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting</i>, or its latest version	Building design Site Inspection	Confirmed during site visit. All lighting was pointing below the horizon. No complaints about light spill received.	Compliant	
	HERITAGE				
	Discovery of Human Remains				
17.	If human remains are discovered on site, then all work surrounding the area must cease, and the area must be secured. The Applicant must notify the NSW Police and Heritage NSW as soon as possible	Chance Finds Protocol	Was activated during Solar Farm construction. Site fenced out	Complaint	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	following the discovery, and work must not recommence in the area until this is authorised by Heritage NSW.		Signs present		
	Chance Finds Protocol				
18.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Chance Finds Protocol for the development in consultation with the Aboriginal Stakeholders, and to the satisfaction of Heritage NSW. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the Chance Finds Protocol.	Appendix C Limondale Solar Farm Heritage Management Plan Version 02 dated Approved by Planning Secretary 08/06/2021	Included in the induction.	Compliant	
	Operating Conditions				
19.	The Applicant must: (a) ensure the development does not cause any direct or indirect impact on the Aboriginal heritage sites identified in the table in Appendix 2, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise; and (b) salvage heritage items L1, L9 and L11 prior to construction; (c) carry out detailed test excavations and salvage (if required) for potential Archaeological deposits 47-6-0605 and 47-6-0606 prior to construction of the transmission line between the project site and Balranald substation. <i>Note: The locations of the Aboriginal heritage items referred to in this condition are shown on the figure in Appendix 2</i>	(a) Limondale Solar Farm Heritage Management Plan Version 02 dated 09/03/2021 Biosis Approved by Planning Secretary 08/06/2021	No additional site recorded since completion of construction of solar farm.	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
		(b) Salvage has been undertaken (c) As required			
	Heritage Management Plan				
20.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must: (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary; (b) be prepared in consultation with Heritage NSW and Aboriginal stakeholders; (c) include updated baseline mapping of the heritage items within and adjoining the development disturbance area; (d) include a methodology for test excavations of potential Archaeological deposits 47-6-0605 and 47-6-0606 in accordance with <i>Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects (DECCW, 2010)</i> and including a description of the measures that would be implemented to manage the impacts of the development; (e) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for: • protecting Aboriginal heritage sites outside the development disturbance area;	Limondale Solar Farm Heritage Management Plan Version 02 dated 09/03/2021 Biosis Approved by Planning Secretary 08/06/2021	HMP is being implemented on site. Covered in the Site Induction.	Complaint	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	• minimising and managing the impacts of the development on heritage items within the disturbance footprint, including: - salvage of heritage items L1, L9 and L11; and - a strategy for the long term management of any Aboriginal heritage items or material collected during the test excavation or salvage works; • a contingency plan and reporting procedure if: - Aboriginal heritage items outside the approved disturbance area are damaged; • ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; • ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan; and (f) a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any heritage impacts of the project. Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan.				
	SOIL & WATER				
	Water Pollution				
21.	The Applicant must ensure that the development does not cause any water pollution, as defined under Section 120 of the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> .	Site Inspection ESCP Stormwater Plans	A few areas of standing water were observed.	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
			Recommendation: Review plans to address standing shallow water		
	Soil Erosion				
22.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise any soil erosion associated with the construction, upgrading or decommissioning of the development in accordance with the relevant requirements in the <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004)</i> manual, or its latest version; and (b) ensure the solar panels and associated infrastructure are designed, constructed and maintained to avoid causing any tunnel erosion on site.	ESCP for BESS Site inspection for Solar Farm	Site drainage is stable, no visible erosion occurring on site	Compliant	
	Stormwater Drainage				
23.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must: 1. prepare detailed Stormwater Plans for the site to the satisfaction of Council, in accordance with the requirements in Council's <i>Engineering Guidelines – Subdivisions and Development Standards and Stormwater Drainage and Disposal Policy</i> ; and 2. submit a copy of these plans to the Department. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the plan.	Stormwater Plans BESS submitted to Department	Stormwater Plans sighted and implemented.	Compliant	
	HAZARDS				
	Storage and Handling of Dangerous Goods				

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
24.	The Applicant must: (a) store and handle all chemicals, fuels and oils used on-site in accordance with: - i the requirements of all relevant Australian Standards; and - ii the NSW EPA's <i>Storing and Handling of Liquids: Environmental Protection – Participants Handbook</i> if the chemicals are liquids. (b) ensure the substation is suitably bunded; and (c) minimise any spills of hazardous materials or hydrocarbons, and clean up any spills as soon as possible after they occur In the event of an inconsistency between the requirements of (i) and (ii) above, the most stringent requirement must prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.	MSDS, Chemical storage for Solar Farm Procedure for BESS	Confirmed during site visit	Compliant	
	Operating Conditions				
25.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the fire risks of the development, including managing vegetation fuel loads on-site; (b) ensure that the development: • includes at least a 10 metre defendable space that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of the solar array area, and a 10 m defendable space around any battery storage and associated infrastructure areas; • manages the defendable space and solar array area as an Asset Protection Zone;	Site Inspection	10m wide defendable zone around perimeter of solar farm and BESS. Firefighting water available on site. Fires extinguishers in vehicles and at strategic locations across site.	Compliant	

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	- complies with the relevant asset protection requirements in the RFS's <i>Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019</i> (or equivalent) and Standards for Asset Protection Zones; - is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site. (c) assist the RFS and emergency services as much as practicable if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site; and (d) notify the relevant local emergency management committee following construction of the development, and prior to the commencement of operations.				
	Emergency Response Plan				
26.	Prior to the commencement of operations (excluding battery storage), the Applicant must prepare an Emergency Response Plan for the development in consultation with the RFS and Fire & Rescue NSW. This plan must identify the fire risks and controls of the development, and the procedures that would be implemented if there is a fire on site or in the vicinity of the site. Two copies of the plan must be kept on site in a prominent position adjacent to the site entry point at all times.	Emergency Response Plan at main gate		Complaint	
26A.	Prior to commissioning of the battery storage, the Applicant must revise the Emergency Response Plan, in consultation with the RFS and Fire & Rescue NSW. The revised plan must: (a) be prepared in accordance with the findings of the Fire Safety Study required under Condition 27 of Schedule 3;	Emergency Response Plan at main gate	Emergency Response Plan has been tested. Firefighting water is available. Recommendation:	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	(b) be consistent with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 1, '<i>Emergency Planning</i>' and <i>RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019</i> (or equivalent); (c) include details on how the battery storage and sub-systems can be safely isolated in an emergency; (d) include bushfire emergency management planning, including: - details of the location, management and maintenance of Asset Protection Zones; - a list of works that must not be carried out during a total fire ban; - details of how RFS would be notified, and procedures that would be implemented in the event that: • there is a fire on-site or in the vicinity of the site; • there are any activities on site that would have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation; - or • there are any proposed activities to be carried out during a bushfire danger period; and (e) include an Emergency Services Information Package, prepared in accordance with Emergency services information package and tactical fire plan (Fire & Rescue NSW, 2019). The Applicant must:		Install clear signage and level indicators on firefighting water supply tank		

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	a) implement the revised Emergency Response Plan for the duration of the development; b) provide a copy to the local Fire Control Centre and Fire & Rescue NSW; and c) following commencement of operations of the battery storage, keep a copy of the Emergency Service				
	Fire Safety Study				
27.	Prior to commencing construction of the battery storage, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must prepare a Fire Safety Study to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary, in consultation with Fire & Rescue NSW. The study must: (a) be consistent with the Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 2 'Fire Safety Study'</i> guideline; (b) be consistent with the NSW '<i>Best Practice Guidelines for Contaminated Water Retention and Treatment Systems</i>'. (c) describe the final design of the battery storage; (d) include reasonable worst-case fire scenario to and from the battery storage and the associated fire management; (e) identify measures to eliminate the expansion of any fire incident including: - adequate fire safety systems and water supply; - separation and / or compartmentalisation of battery units; and - strategies and incident control measures specific to the battery storage design.	Limondale BESS Fire Study Version 04 dated 17/08/2024 GHD Approved by Planning Secretary 15/08/2024	Fire Safety Study has been approved.	Complaint	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	Following approval by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must implement the measures described in the Fire Safety Study. Note: to satisfy 'in consultation with Fire & Rescue NSW' above, the Applicant should provide confirmation in writing from Fire & Rescue NSW that the Study meets the requirements of Fire & Rescue NSW.				
	Final Hazard Analysis				
28.	Prior to commencing construction of any flow battery storage, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must prepare a Final Hazard Analysis in accordance with the Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 6, 'Hazard Analysis'</i> to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the Final Hazard Analysis.		Flow Battery Storage technology not in use	Not Triggered	
	Safety Management System				
29.	Prior to commencing commissioning of any flow battery storage, the Applicant must prepare and implement a Safety Management System in accordance with the <i>Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 9, 'Safety Management'</i> to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. Following approval, the Applicant must implement the Safety Management System.		Flow Battery Storage technology not in use	Not Triggered	
	WASTE				
30.	The Applicant must: (a) minimise the waste generated by the development;	Waste Register Storage waste areas	Confirmed during site visit,	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	(b) classify all waste generated on site in accordance with the EPA's <i>Waste Classification Guidelines 2014</i> (or its latest version); (c) store and handle all waste on site in accordance with its classification; (d) not receive or dispose of any waste on site; and (e) remove all waste from the site as soon as practicable, and ensure it is sent to an appropriately licensed waste facility for disposal.		waste is being separated, disposal dockets sighted		
	ACCOMMODATION AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY				
31.	Prior to the commencement of 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. This strategy must: (a) provide updated estimates of the likely accommodation demand of the development, including consideration of the potential interaction with Sunraysia Solar Farm and the Balranald Mineral Sands Mine, in consultation with the applicant of that project; (b) investigate options for maximising the use of available accommodation within Balranald during construction of the development; (c) propose a strategy to facilitate the accommodation of the workforce associated with the development;	Limondale Solar Farm Accommodation and Employment Strategy Version 5.1 dated 23/08/2024 EMM. Approved by Planning Secretary 19/09/2024		Complaint	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance						
	(d) investigate options for prioritising the employment of local workers for the construction and operation of the development where feasible; and (e) include a program to monitor and review the effectiveness of the strategy over the life of the development. Following the Planning Secretary’s approval, the Applicant must implement the strategy.										
	DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION										
32.	Within 18 months of the cessation of operations, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant shall rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This rehabilitation must comply with the objectives in Table 2. <i>Table 2: Rehabilitation Objectives</i> <table><tr><th><i>Feature</i></th><th><i>Objective</i></th></tr><tr><td>Development site (as a whole)</td><td> • Safe, stable and non-polluting • Minimise the visual impact of any above ground ancillary infrastructure agreed to be retained for an alternative use </td></tr><tr><td>Solar farm and battery storage infrastructure</td><td> • To be decommissioned and removed, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise </td></tr></table>	<i>Feature</i>	<i>Objective</i>	Development site (as a whole)	• Safe, stable and non-polluting • Minimise the visual impact of any above ground ancillary infrastructure agreed to be retained for an alternative use	Solar farm and battery storage infrastructure	• To be decommissioned and removed, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise			Not Triggered	
<i>Feature</i>	<i>Objective</i>										
Development site (as a whole)	• Safe, stable and non-polluting • Minimise the visual impact of any above ground ancillary infrastructure agreed to be retained for an alternative use										
Solar farm and battery storage infrastructure	• To be decommissioned and removed, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise										

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)			Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	Land use	• Restore land capability to pre-existing agricultural use					
	Community	• • Ensure public safety					
SCHEDULE 4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING							
	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT						
	Environmental Management Strategy						
1.	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare an Environmental Management Strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This strategy must: (a) provide the strategic framework for environmental management of the development; (b) identify the statutory approvals that apply to the development; (c) describe the role, responsibility, authority and accountability of all key personnel involved in the environmental management of the development; (d) describe the procedures that would be implemented to: • keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the operation and environmental performance of the development; • receive, handle, respond to, and record complaints; • resolve any disputes that may arise; • respond to any non-compliance; • respond to emergencies; and			Limondale Solar Farm Environmental Management Strategy Version 5.1 dated 23/08/2024 EMM Approved by Planning Secretary 19/09/2024		Complaint	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	(e) include: - copies of any plans approved under the conditions of this consent; and - a clear plan depicting all the monitoring to be carried out in relation to the development. Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Environmental Management Strategy.				
	Revision of Strategies and Plans				
2.	The Applicant must: (a) update the strategies and plans required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary prior to carrying out any upgrading or decommissioning activities on site; and (b) review and, if necessary, revise the strategies and plans required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary within 1 month of the: - submission of an incident report under condition 3 below; or - any modification to the conditions of consent.	Plans were updated prior to commencement of construction of BESS and approved by Planning Secretary dates below TMP 25/09/2024 BMP 11/10/2024 HMP 08/06/2021 AES 19/09/2024 EMS 19/09/2024		Complaint	
	COMPLIANCE				
	Incident Notification				

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
3.	The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website immediately after the Applicant becomes aware of an incident. The notification must identify the development (including the development application number and the name of the development if it has one) and set out the location and nature of the incident. Subsequent notification requirements must be given, and reports submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 3.	Skeletal Remains Incident during Solar Farm Construction Fire during solar farm operations	Heritage NSW notified of Chance Finds DPHI, FRNSW and RFS notified of fire incident	Compliant	
	NON-COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION				
4.	The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website within seven days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance.			Non – Complaint	LBESSNC002
4A.	A non-compliance notification must identify the development and the application number for it, set out the condition of consent that the development is non-compliant with, the way in which it does not comply and the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been, or will be, undertaken to address the non-compliance.		Noted	Not Triggered	
4B.	A non-compliance which has been notified as an incident does not need to also be notified as a noncompliance.		Noted	Not Triggered	
	INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT				
5.	Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out at the frequency and in accordance with the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> . In addition, a Hazard Audit prepared by a suitably qualified person must be conducted and carried out within 12 months of	First Independent Audit report dated 10/02/2025	This is the first Independent Audit of the BESS and second	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	commencing operations of any flow battery in accordance with the: (c) Department's <i>Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 5, 'Hazard Audit Guidelines'</i> ; and (d) <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> (excluding audit frequencies).		Independent Audit of the Project		
5A.	Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit.	Letter appointing Auditors DPHI dated 27/04/2026		Complaint	
5B.	The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition 5 of Schedule 4 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant of the date upon which the audit must be commenced.			Not triggered	
5C.	In accordance with the specific requirements in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i> , the Applicant must: (d) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 5 of Schedule 4 of this consent, or condition 5B of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary; (e) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and (f) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the			Not triggered	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	Planning Secretary, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.				
5D.	Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i> unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.			Not triggered	
5E	Notwithstanding the requirements of the <i>Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020)</i> , the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance.			Not triggered	
	ACCESS TO INFORMATION				
6.	The Applicant must: (a) make the following information publicly available on its website as relevant to the stage of the development: • the EIS; • the final layout plans for the development; • current statutory approvals for the development; • the proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation or decommissioning of the development is to be staged; • how complaints about the development can be made; • a complaints register;	Review of websites for Solar Farm and BESS undertaken on: 07/07/2026	Website contains the information stipulated in CoC.	Compliant	

Condition of Consent	Requirement (<i>exact wording</i>)	Evidence collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification of Noncompliance
	any other matter required by the Planning Secretary; and (b) keep this information up to date.				

Appendix B – Planning Secretary Audit Team Agreement

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Reference: SSD-8025-PA-98

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Quach

Construction Project Manager

RWE RENEWABLES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

27/04/2026

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Limondale Solar - IEA team endorsement request - Operations - April 2026

Dear Mr Quach

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSD-8025-PA-98, requesting for the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person/s to conduct an Independent Environmental Audit of Limondale Solar Farm, submitted as required by Schedule 4, Condition 5A of SSD-8025 as modified (the consent) to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) on 21 April 2026.

The Department has reviewed the independent auditors nominations and based on the information you have provided is satisfied that the proposed persons are suitably qualified, experienced, and independent. In accordance with Schedule 4, Condition 5A of the consent and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020), as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I endorse the following independent audit team:

- Mr Patric Millar of Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd and
- Mr Richard Peterson of Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd

Please ensure this correspondence is appended to the Independent Audit Report. This endorsement is conditional on the auditor/s maintaining a current Exemplar Global certification and independence from the project. The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of consent and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020). Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

The Department reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

The Lead Auditor must attend the site inspection component of the audit.

In accordance with Schedule 4 Condition 5D of the consent Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020) unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.

You are also reminded that in accordance with Schedule 4 Condition 5 of the consent a Hazard Audit prepared by a suitably qualified person must be conducted and carried out within 12 months of commencing operations of any flow battery in accordance with the: (a) Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 5, 'Hazard Audit Guidelines'; and (b) Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020) (excluding audit frequencies).

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



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

Yours sincerely

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Katrina
Team Compliance
As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Leader -

O'Reilly
Compliance

Appendix C – Stakeholder Consultation

Appendix C-1 Consultation Summary

Organisation	Date Requested	Date Responded	Key Issues/Comments	Auditor Response
DPHI	04/06/2026	18/06/2026	Agencies to consult with: Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council Balranald Shire Council Rural Fire Service Fire and Rescue NSW Transport for New South Wales	All identified agencies contacted prior to the audit.
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council	19/06/2026	24/06/2026	Cultural heritage site management	Confirmed that sites are fenced, signs are in place and Cultural Heritage Management is included in the Induction
Balranald Shire Council	19/06/2026			
Rural Fire Service	19/06/2026			
Fire and Rescue NSW	19/06/2026			
Transport for NSW	19/06/2026	27/07/2026	See below Appendix C – 3	Response received after Audit was completed and request was for Culcairn Solar Farm

Appendix C-2 Correspondence Issued

Stakeholder	Correspondence issued	Date issued
Department of Heritage Infrastructure and Planning	Request for Scope issued to compliance@dphi.nsw.gov.au	04/06/2026
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council	Letter issued to CEO	19/06/2026.
Balranald Shire Council	Letter issued to General Manager via email	19/06/2026.
Rural Fire Service	Letter issued to webmaster@rfs.nsw.gov.au	19/06/2026
Fire and Rescue NSW	Letter issued to webmaster@frnsw.nsw.gov.au	19/06/2026
Transport for New South Wales	Letter issued to southprojects@transport.nsw.gov.au	19/06/2026

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Katrina O'Reilly
Team Leader – Compliance
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
4 Parramatta Square
12 Dacey Street
Parramatta NSW 2150
By EMAIL

Dear Katrina,

**RE: DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE SCOPE FOR
INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025
COVERING OF LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND
OPERATIONAL AUDIT OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 to formally consult with you as the Nominee of the Planning Secretary. Can you please advise me of the DPHI's requirements pursuant to Section 3.2. of the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment?

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Glenn Carroll
Acting General Manager
Balranald Shire Council

By EMAIL

Dear Glenn,

RE: BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The reason for this letter is to formally consult with you, the Balranald Shire Council, is to ensure that any issues Council has are covered during the Audit.

Can you please advise me of the Balranald Shire Council's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate
Executive Director, Conservation Policy and Programs
Sharon Molloy

By EMAIL

Dear Sharon,

**RE: BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND SCIENCE DIRECTORATE CONSULTATION
FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD
8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY
STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
By EMAIL

**RE: NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM
BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Heritage NSW
By EMAIL

RE: HERITAGE NSW's CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Heritage NSW's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Rural Fire Service
By EMAIL

RE: RURAL FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Rural Fire Service's requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Southern Region Transport for New South Wales
By EMAIL

**RE: TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES CONSULTATION FOR INDEPENDENT
AUDIT OF LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM BALRANALD NSW SSD 8025 COVERING OF
CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMONDALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THE
OPERATION OF SOLAR FARM.**

I am writing to you as the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) approved Independent Auditor for SSD 8025 Limondale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System. The requirement for the Audit is detailed in Condition 5, Schedule 4 of SSD 8025. The audit will cover the current construction of the Battery Energy Storage System and the Operations of the Limondale Solar Farm.

Can you please advise me of the Transport for New South Wales requirements for the audit? The audit will be undertaken in accordance with the document: *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* May 2020 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The site audit is scheduled to occur on 09/12/2024 so your timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix C-3 Correspondence Received

Stakeholder	Correspondence issued	Response date
Department of Heritage Infrastructure and Planning	Request for Scope issued to compliance@dphi.nsw.gov.au	18/06/2026 from Team Leader, Operations & Planning Delivery, Development Assessment & Sustainability
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council	Letter issued to CEO@blalc.com.au	Telephone call from CEO 06/07/2026
Balranald Shire Council	Letter issued to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au	Nil response
Rural Fire Service	Letter issued to webmaster@rfs.nsw.gov.au	Nil response
Fire and Rescue NSW	Letter issued to webmaster@frnsw.nsw.gov.au	Nil response
Transport for New South Wales	Letter issued to southprojects@transport.nsw.gov.au	Email response on 19/07/2026 referring to the Culcairn Solar Farm. See below

Subject: Independent Audit Scope for Operational Audit of Solar Battery Energy Storage System at Limondale Solar
From: Alexandra Power <Alexandra.Power@transport.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 27/07/2026, 5:02 pm
To: "patric@ecositesolutions.com.au" <patric@ecositesolutions.com.au>
CC: Development Renewables <development.renewables@transport.nsw.gov.au>

Hello Patric,

Apologies for the delay,

TfNSW suggests that the Independent Environmental Audit scope for Culairn Solar Farm is considered.

- Compliance with Instrument of Consent for transport-related conditions.
- Implementation and enforcement of shuttle bus arrangements
- Management of construction traffic volumes during AM and PM peak periods.
- Any pre-construction minor works mitigation measures and associated Planning Secretary approvals.
- Completion of road upgrades and compliance with the scope of the road upgrades set within the Instrument of Consent.
- Implementation of the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) and Traffic Management Plans (TMPs).
- Commitments made within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Assumptions underpinning the assessed traffic task within the TIA, including traffic distribution assumptions.
- Effectiveness of mitigation measures detailed within the TMP.
- Alignment between assessed and actual traffic volumes and vehicle characteristics.
- Suitability of existing intersection treatments under cumulative background and project traffic.
- Ongoing appropriateness of approved OSOM routes for the configurations being utilised.
- Any incidents of non-compliance with mitigation measures, commitments or assessed traffic volumes, and measures implemented in response.
- Audit report outcomes and recommended actions relevant to the State road network

Kind regards

Alexandra Power

Senior Corridor Planner

Transport Planning

Planning, Integration and Passenger

Transport for NSW

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I acknowledge the Aboriginal people of the country on which I work, their traditions, culture and a shared history and identity. I also pay my respects to Elders past and present and recognise the continued connection to country.

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From: Patric Millar <patric@ecositesolutions.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 19 June 2026 5:23 PM

To: Maurice Morgan <Maurice.MORGAN@transport.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Independent Audit Scope for Operational Audit of Solar Battery Energy Storage System at Limondale Solar

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Good Afternoon Maurice

I am the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) approved Lead Auditor for Limondale Solar Farm (SSD 8025 MOD1 and MOD2) I will be

Independent Environmental Audit Limondale Solar Farm Battery Energy Storage System Operations

undertaking an Independent Environmental Audit covering the Operation of the Battery Energy Storage System at the Limondale Solar Farm. Please find attached a request for the Transport for NSW's input into the Audit Scope. If Council has any items that they requires in the scope can they please respond in the time frame outlined in the letter?

Kindest regards

Patric



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Appendix D – Independent Audit Declaration Form

Project name	Limondale Solar Farm
Consent Number	SSD-8025 MOD 2
Description of Project	Construction and operation of a 249 MW AC photovoltaic (PV) solar farm Limondale Solar Farm and construction and operation of the 50+ MW and 400+ MWh eight-hour battery (MW) DC Battery energy Storage System, located approximately 14 km south of Balranald in south western NSW
Applicant	RWE Australia Pty Ltd
Date	07/10/2022

I declare that I have undertaken the Independent Audit and prepared the contents of the attached Independent Audit Report and to the best of my knowledge:

I declare that

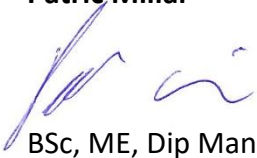
- (i) the audit has been undertaken in accordance with relevant condition(s) of consent and the Independent Audit Compliance Requirements (Department 2019);
- (ii) the findings of the audit are reported truthfully, accurately and completely;
- (iii) I have exercised due diligence and professional judgement in conducting the audit;
- (iv) I have acted professionally, objectively and in an unbiased manner;
- (v) I am not related to any Applicant, owner or operator of the project neither as an employer, business partner, employee, or by sharing a common employer, having a contractual arrangement outside the audit, or by relationship as spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
- (vi) I do not have any pecuniary interest in the audited project, including where there is a reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain or loss to me or spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
- (vii) neither I nor my employer have provided consultancy services for the audited project that were subject to this audit except as otherwise declared to the Department prior to the audit; and
- (viii) I have not accepted, nor intend to accept any inducement, commission, gift or any other benefit (apart from payment for auditing services) from any Applicant, owner or operator of the project, their employees or any interested party. I have not knowingly allowed, nor intend to allow my colleagues to do so

Notes:

- a) Under section 10.6 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* a person must not include false or misleading information (or provide information for inclusion in) in a report of monitoring data or an audit report

produced to the Minister in connection with an audit. If the person knows that the information is false or misleading in a material respect. The Applicant of an approved project must not fail to include information in (or provide information for inclusion in) a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is materially relevant to the monitoring or audit. The maximum penalty is, in the case of corporation, \$1 million and for an individual, \$250,000; and

- b) The *Crimes Act 1900* contains other offences relating to the false and misleading information; section 307Bv (giving false or misleading information – maximum penalty 2 years imprisonment or 200 penalty units, or both).

Name of Auditor	Patric Millar
Signature	
Qualification	BSc, ME, Dip Man, Dip SIS
Company:	Ecosite Solutions Pty Ltd

Appendix E – Site Inspection Notes

Limondale Audit

Audit Date: 9 July 2026

Site Auditor: Richard Peterson

Audit Inspection attendance

Name	Company	Position
Janelle Dalton	RWE	Site Administrator
Ross Greenham	RWE	Operations Manager
Richard Peterson	Trigalana	Auditor

Issue	Observations
Air Quality	
Exposed surfaces	• Main site area has been compacted with gravel layer • Internal roads stabilised and compacted with road base
Water cart	• Available on site with firefighting pump and outlet fittings.
Dust suppression	• 10km/hr speed limit on site (within BES Site and 40km/hr on internal access roads) • Graded internal access roads • Compaction of base layers to minimise the risk of dust generation • Daily pre-start includes weather prediction • Recommended alternatives for dust control such as polymer sprays where weather forecasts predict hot and dry weather
Erosion and Sediment Control	
Ground cover	• Adequate at the Solar farm site. • Construction complete and BESS site is stable

Issue	Observations
Stockpile management	N/A – no stockpiles are present on site
Site drainage	- Permanent drainage has been installed including rock lined drains and culverts - Site flat - Some pooling observed in low lying areas as per photos
Sed fences	N/A – have been removed
ESCP	N/A – no longer required
Water	
Supply	- Storage tanks for site water. Now self sufficient with no reliance from external suppliers - Water for the fire water tank is provided from a permanent line. Therefore the fire water tank is always full
Bore licences	N/A – not required
Chemicals and Hazards, Waste	
Evidence of spills	None observed
Spill kit	Mobile spill kits were available in the maintenance shed
Liquid storage	- Minor volumes of chemicals stored within site shed and undercover - Mobile bund provided at the Tesla maintenance shed - No chemicals or other containers observed on site
Waste storage	Waste storage facilities in site compound
Waste disposal	Local tip. Only minor amounts of waste generated
Recycling	Solar panels are recycled via specialist recycling company.

Issue	Observations
	Demonstration shown to the Auditor
Waste stockpiles	None observed
Imported materials	N/A
Asbestos?	None observed
Visual	
Lighting	Low level lighting in site offices
Vegetation screening	None observed
Other mitigation?	- Residents are substantial distance from the site with no complaints received. - Sheds and buildings are light brown and unobtrusive - Lights are low level and directed down
Biodiversity and Agriculture	
Weeds	- Some weeds present on site - Weeding contractor engaged from ongoing maintenance - Weed die back observed - Weeding records provided
Biosecurity measures	No significant issues identified. There is no interaction with adjacent agricultural operations and no movement of machinery between farms
Agricultural activities	None observed. Solar farm is not currently being used for agricultural activities. Plans for sheep grazing are underway.
Crop cover	N/A as above
Grazing	N/A as above
Tree Protection Zones	None observed

Issue	Observations
Clearing process	N/A
Pest control	Baiting program for pests is undertaken with multiple baiting stations around the site observed
Rehabilitation/groundcover	- Groundcover achieved on the Solar farm site - Rehabilitation of the BESS site is complete in its final form
Heritage	
Unexpected finds	None at the BESS site
Protected areas	- Aboriginal site has been fenced off - Timber has been placed around the heritage site to provide some protection (no change since the previous Audit)
Project Boundary	
Boundary Pegs (survey)	Wire fence defines the site
Fencing	Chain wire fencing surrounding the existing solar farm as well as the BESS site
Evidence of Working outside the project boundary	None observed
Traffic	
Vehicle register	- Limited vehicle movements - Vehicle tracking not required due to the small numbers of vehicle movements
Intersection upgrade works	Complete, 50m apron length measured at entrance to the Solar Farm
Speed restrictions	40km/hr on internal access roads 10km /hr within BESS site
Road signage	None observed

Issue	Observations
Mud tracking	None observed
Noise and Vibration	
Hours of operation	Standard hours
Complaints	None received.
Nearest sensitive receivers	- No immediate neighbours - Nearest residents' significant distance from site - Noise from operations inaudible
Highly intensive noise activities such as rock breaking/piling	N/A
Equipment Maintenance records	Maintenance records
Reversing beepers/squarkers	Non tonal reversing beepers on site
Bushfire and emergency	
Fire extinguishers	In place on vehicles, in office and maintenance shed
Water tank	- Water tank in place at solar farm >40000L - Storz fitting
BESS Fire Management	Individual units are designed so that a fire will not spread to an adjacent unit (i.e a gap is between each unit) and in the event of a fire the individual unit will burn out. Watering is not a management option for a fire.
Asset Protection Zone	APZ buffer (10m) surrounds the solar farm and around the BESS
Emergency Response plan	- Emergency contact details are available on site (noticeboard) and at site entrance - Has been tested recently - Emergency assembly point signage on site

Issue	Observations
	• Fire warden kit available in red cupboard at the site entrance • Fire warning signage available at the site entrance
Emergency Information KIT	• HAZMAT kit available at site entrance. Includes relevant information such as site contacts list, site map and fire warden vests
Other	
	• Environmental inspections quarterly • Inspections cover Noise and Vibration, Air Quality, Dust, Cultural Heritage, Stormwater, Ground water, Recycled Water, Erosion and Sediment Management, Recycled water, Soil and Stockpile mgt, Resources and Waste, Hazardous Materials Management, Flora and Fauna, Hazchem • Toolbox talks undertaken • HSE System established "Safety Champion" • Fire incident reported to DPHI • Weather monitoring station on site

Appendix F – Site Inspection Photographs



Site Entrance



Emergency Response Plan location



Emergency Response Plan contents



Battery Energy Storage System Components



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Standing water



Fire Fighting Water tank



Operations and Maintenance Building



Downward lights



Spill kits



Electric Vehicle Charger



10m Asset Protection Zone around perimeter of BESS



Cultural Heritage Exclusion zone



Revegetation under solar panels