

Monday, 22 February 2021

Narrabri Shire Council  
46-48 Maitland Street  
Narrabri NSW 2390

To whom it may concern,

Re: Development Application Submission for Proposed Solar Farm – Wee Waa

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this development application (DA) for our proposed solar farm at 3843 Yarrie Lake Road, Wee Waa, NSW 2388 (the Site).

Providence Asset Group (PAG) is an Australian-owned innovation led investment and asset management firm focusing on ethical investment within an environmental, social and corporate governance framework. Through collaborative partnerships, PAG supports and invests in projects aligned to new forms of renewable and clean energy. We are working with leading universities to accelerate Australia's shift towards affordable and reliable renewable energy which is why we are working to bring one of our 5 Megawatt (MW) community solar farms to Wee Waa as one of the more than 20 proposed sites we are developing across NSW. The project and the associated development entity NSW Community Renewables (Wee Waa) Pty Ltd are 100% owned by PAG.

PAG is committed to investing in regional NSW with our recent master plan announcement for \$500 million of regional project investment, 750 construction jobs and innovative energy storage solutions powering regional communities. PAG views the north west as key to this vision and we look forward to collaborating with Narrabri Shire Council on future renewable energy projects.

Something we have recently witnessed is the significant impact the drought has had on many regional communities around Australia, and we want to ensure that these communities can continue to be viable and enticing places for people to live. Our 5 MW projects will bring key benefits to the community including:

- Affordable clean power available for local community businesses and members without the need for government subsidies;
- Direct support for Community initiatives via our community partnerships;
- High tech jobs and local research opportunities through our UNSW, UTS and CRC partnerships;
- Future deployment of energy storage; and
- Opportunity for local investment into the community solar farm.



Through our partnerships and engineering expertise we can build cost competitive solar farms without relying on any government subsidies. Our most important goal however is to become a contributing member of this community. We realise the importance of relationships in regional communities and we aim to build strong relationships with all those who want to be part of it.

We have built a team of professional people who will help deliver this project ensuring that all aspects and considerations are taken care of. We would love to hear from you about additional ways that we can contribute towards this great community and encourage you to reach out to our Director of Community Engagement, Steve Badgery [steve.badgery@providences.com.au](mailto:steve.badgery@providences.com.au) to discuss your thoughts.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to submit this development application. We look forward to the opportunity to delivering this exciting renewable energy solution to the community of Wee Waa and the wider Narrabri Shire.

Yours Faithfully

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Henry Sun  
Chief Executive Officer  
Providence Asset Group

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Jeremy Every  
Solar Program Director  
Providence Asset Group