

# **DETERMINATION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS**

SOUTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

DATE OF DETERMINATION	2 November 2018
PANEL MEMBERS	Pam Allan (Chair), Alison McCabe, Renata Brooks, Tony Donoghue, David Carter
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	David Carter declared a non-pecuniary interest as he had made a submission in relation to the proposed development, requesting that issues be addressed by the applicant. The submission was made prior to Cr Carter's appointment to the Planning Panel. This declaration was accepted by the Chair.

Circulation of papers between 26 October 2018 and 2 November 2018.

### **MATTER DETERMINED**

2018STH009 - Junee Shire Council – DA2018/11 at 346 Old Sydney Road, Marinna (AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE 1)

## PANEL CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

The Panel considered: the matters listed at item 6, the material listed at item 7 and the material presented at meetings and the matters observed at site inspections listed at item 8 in Schedule 1.

The Panel determined to approve the development application as described in Schedule 1 pursuant to section 4.16 (previously section 80) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The decision was unanimous.

## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The development application was approved for the following reasons:

- 1. The site is suitable for the proposed development. It is predominantly cleared, has ease of access to electricity infrastructure and good access to solar supply.
- 2. With the amendments required by the Panel and the imposition of the conditions of consent recommended by Council, the development will not have any unacceptable adverse impacts on the local environment or amenity of nearby residents.
- 3. The proposed development will provide a clear public benefit, being the supply of renewable energy and the diversification of the local economy.

# **CONDITIONS**

The development application was approved subject to the conditions in the addendum Council Assessment Report dated 18 October 2018, with the following amendment:

To be added to the end of Condition 23:

L) A waste management plan that details initial and ongoing treatment of waste generated from the site.

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SCHEDULE 1			
1	PANEL REF – LGA – DA NO.	2018STH009 - Junee Shire Council – DA2018/11 at	
2	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Construction and operation of a 26MW solar farm	
3	STREET ADDRESS	346 Old Sydney Road, Marinna	
4	APPLICANT/OWNER	Terrain Solar/ John Moloney	
5	TYPE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Private infrastructure and community facilities over \$5 million	
6	RELEVANT MANDATORY CONSIDERATIONS	<ul> <li>Environmental planning instruments:         State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007         State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008         Junee Local Environmental Plan 2012         <ul> <li>Draft environmental planning instruments: Nil</li> <li>Development control plans: Nil</li> <li>Planning agreements: Nil</li> <li>Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000: Nil</li> <li>Coastal zone management plan: Nil</li> <li>The likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7	MATERIAL CONSIDERED BY THE PANEL	<ul> <li>The suitability of the site for the development</li> <li>Any submissions made in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 or regulations</li> <li>The public interest, including the principles of ecologically sustainable development</li> <li>Council assessment report: 13 April 2017</li> <li>Written submissions during public exhibition: five (5)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Verbal submissions at the public meeting: Nil</li> <li>Addendum Council assessment report: 23 July 2018</li> <li>Addendum Council assessment report: 19 October 2018</li> </ul>	
8	MEETINGS AND SITE INSPECTIONS BY THE PANEL	<ul> <li>Site inspection 6 June 2018</li> <li>Final briefing meeting to discuss council's recommendation, 6 June 2018. Attendees:         <ul> <li>Panel members: Pam Allan (Chair), Alison McCabe, Renata Brooks, Tony Donoghue, David Carter</li> <li>Council assessment staff: Claire Golder</li> </ul> </li> <li>Public meeting on 6 June 2018</li> <li>Circulation of papers between 21 August 2018 and 31 August 2018</li> <li>Circulation of papers between 26 October 2018 and 2 November 2018</li> </ul>	
9	COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION	Approval	
10	DRAFT CONDITIONS	Attached to the addendum council assessment report dated 18 October 2018	