

18 November 2021

Cessnock City Council
PO Box 152
CESSNOCK NSW 2325

Attention: Sarah Hyatt

HUNTER EXPRESSWAY: DA 8/2021/21907/1, SOLAR FARM, 1026 LOVEDALE ROAD ALLANDALE

I refer to the abovementioned Development Application referred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on 4 November 2021 for comment.

TfNSW key interests are the safety and efficiency of the transport network, the needs of our customers and the integration of land use and transport in accordance with Future Transport Strategy 2056.

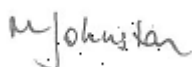
Hunter Expressway is a classified State road and Lovedale Road is an unclassified Regional road. Council is the roads authority for Lovedale Road and all other public roads (excluding the Hunter Expressway) in the area, in accordance with Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

TfNSW has reviewed the referred information and provides the following comments to assist the consent authority in making a determination:

- Council should have consideration of potential reflection from the proposed solar farm that could cause glare and distraction to passing motorists along the Hunter Expressway. TfNSW suggest aligning the solar panels in a manner which prevents this from occurring.
- No construction and / or operational traffic movements are to be conducted through the adjoining Hunter Expressway corridor.

On Council's determination of this matter, please forward a copy of the Notice of Determination to TfNSW for our records. Should you require further information please contact Masa Kimura, Development Services Case Officer, on 02 4908 7688 or 0407 707 999 or by emailing development.north@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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