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Dear Zaed

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION – PROPOSED GUNNEDAH SOLAR FARM

I am writing in response to the request for further information from Gunnedah Shire Council dated 14 September 2021 concerning the proposed Gunnedah 2A Solar Farm at Lot 48 DP 755474, 781 Wandobah Road, Gunnedah. This advice specifically addresses the second part of point 2 of the request which reads:

- 2 *Provide a detailed Landscape Plan which includes landscaping along the eastern boundary of the development area. Landscaping should not be conducted within the electrical easement, to ensure that vegetation does not impact on transmission lines.*

The visual impact assessment is to be updated to provide artist impression of the planting on this elevation to illustrate the effectiveness of the visual screening.

It is understood that a landscape plan has already been prepared by Space Landscape Designs and submitted to Council. Regarding provision of an artist's impression of landscape planting along the eastern boundary of the development area, I suggest that you refer Council to the *Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment* that I prepared on your behalf dated 8 April 2021. On page 17 of section 9 *Conclusion and recommendations* I write:

Elevated observation points to the east and north-east are likely to have unimpeded views across the site which cannot be mitigated by landscape screening. Distance separation would mean that the facility would be a relatively small component of the total view from elevated observation points to the east and north-east.

I confirm that I am of the opinion that landscape planting along the eastern boundary would be of nil benefit in terms of screening the solar farm from dwellings to the east and north-east. Plates 14 and 18 in *Attachment A Photographs* to the *Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment* indicate that existing vegetation along the eastern boundary would screen the array at ground level and that dwellings to the north-east are in elevated positions.

Yours sincerely,



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Director

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