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Sent: Friday, 10 May 2024 12:28 PM
To: Lillian Charlesworth
Subject: FW: Merriown SF - RFI #3.

FYI

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Hi Gunther,

Further to this I can confirm we are happy to agree to the condition of consent requiring demolition of both adjoining dwellings prior to the issue of an occupation certificate (Option 3).

Kind regards,

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Hi Gunter,

Apologies I'm not sure why I wrote prior to mine closure (might have be a copy mistake), it was meant to say demolition prior to commissioning the solar farm being commissioned.

Regarding the BESS, I'll discuss with the client and respond shortly.

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon Tam

Your email below has reference.

With regard to the BESS, the Northern Regional Planning Panel on 17 April 2024 (see attached) advised that either additional hazard assessment is to be provided, or should the DA be approved, partial approval will be issued that excludes approval for a BESS. Your RFI response dated 30 April is inconsistent with this advice from the Panel as:

- the Panel indicated that it would accept demolition of the two properties, not decommissioning (which would pose an ongoing risk)
- demolition prior to mine closure is not acceptable as this would pose a risk to human life during operation of the solar farm. Any demolition would need to occur prior to issue of an occupation certificate.

The options available with regard to the BESS are:

1. Provide a Preliminary Hazard Analysis for any proposed Redox Flow Battery and provide any updated supporting documents as needed (e.g. updated plans and or SEE) to indicate how the recommendations of the Analysis will be implemented, or
2. Provide the information indicated in the RFI in relation to any proposed Li-ion battery use, or
3. Confirm whether a condition of consent requiring demolition of both adjoining dwellings prior to the issue of an occupation certificate would be acceptable.

You should indicate which of the three options you wish to pursue and provide the required information by 20 May as per the RFI dated 19 April 2024. If one of these options is not pursued, then in accordance with the Panel's advice of 17 April, it will be recommended to the Panel that a BESS not be approved as part of any consent that may be issued. Please advise if an extension of time is required to finalise the RFI response.

Feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss.

Kind regards

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