

RECORD OF DECISION – APPLICATION TO AMEND A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION UNDER S37 OF THE *ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT REGULATION 2021*

SOUTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

DATE OF PANEL DECISION	2 September 2025
PANEL MEMBERS	Chris Wilson (Chair), Juliet Grant, Grant Christmas
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nil

Request to Amend a Development Application under section 37 and 38 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*

REQUEST TO AMEND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PPSSTH-621 (AMDR-564)

Application Details

PPSSTH-621 - BEGA VALLEY - DA2026.161 - 26 Ridge Street BEGA 2550

Electricity generating facility (Solar and BESS) - Installation of a 3MW solar farm with related infrastructure and battery energy storage system.

Background

The applicant lodged an amendment to the development application request (AMDR-564) under section 37 and 38 of the *Environmental Planning Regulation 2021* on 12 August 2026.

Request to amend the development application (AMDR-190)

In accordance with s38(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, the panel as the consent authority, may through the NSW planning portal, approve or reject an application for an amendment to a development application submitted under section 37 of the EP&A Reg 2021.

Discussion

The request relates to minor design changes to the solar PV layout, aligning the panels at the north of the site for ease of construction, as well as changing BESS technology. The footprint of the entire site remains unchanged the changes are only internal and will result in no adverse effect to visual amenity or operation.

The applicant has provided the following documents in support of the amendment:

- Updated elevations and sections (CPE Bega Drawing Set 120826)
- Amended site plans (EE1498-CIVIL REVIEW_20260817)
- Amended SEE (Bega Solar and BESS – Statement of Environmental Effects_Rev.04)
- Request for amendment (Request for Amendment – Bega Solar Farm)

Panel Resolution

The panel has considered the proposed amendments outlined in Schedule 1 against the development as originally proposed and approves the amendment in accordance with section 38(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

In making its decision the panel determined that:

- no one would be prejudiced by the proposed amendments
- a thorough merit assessment would still be required in accordance with section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* before any decision could be made, including consideration of submissions made on the amended proposal

For the purpose of section 38(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, the Panel considered the amendments to the development application to be minor, and consequently, the lodgement date remains unchanged.

This is a resolution of the panel made on 1 September 2026.

PANEL MEMBERS	
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SCHEDULE 1

Amendment request



Portal application number: PAN-653335

Consent authority application number: 2026.161

Amendment request number: AMDR-564

Amendment details

Amendment details	Hi Bega Council Team, There has been a slight design change to the solar PV layout, aligning the panels at the north of the site for ease of construction, as well as changing BESS technology. The footprint of the entire site remains unchanged the changes are only internal and will result in no adverse effect to visual amenity or operation. Please find attached the updated elevation drawings, site plans and SEE.
Request submission date	20/08/26

Application documents

The following documents support the application

Document type	Document file name
Elevations and sections	CPE Bega Drawing Set 170826
Site plans	EE1498-CIVIL_REVIEW_20260817
Statement of environmental effects	Bega Solar & BESS - Statement of Environmental Effects_Rev.04
Request for amendment	Request for Amendment - Bega Solar Farm