

Additional Addendum Report to the Southern Regional Planning Panel
DA20/0558 – Electricity Generating Works (Solar Farm)
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The following additional addendum report to the assessment of DA20/0558 is provided to the Southern Regional Planning Panel to address the making of amendments to State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007.

As noted in the initial addendum report to the panel, proposed amendments to State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 in relation to certain solar and wind generating works were exhibited from 13 September 2021 to 11 October 2021.

On 17 December 2021 amendments to the SEPP to give effect to the amendments were published on the NSW Legislation website. The amendments commenced on the day that it was published.

The amendment to the SEPP is as follows:

Determination of development applications for solar or wind electricity generating works on certain land

(1) This clause applies to development in a regional city for the purposes of electricity generating works using a solar or wind energy source that is—

- (a) State significant development, or*
- (b) regionally significant development.*

(2) Development consent must not be granted unless the consent authority is satisfied that the development—

- (a) is located to avoid significant conflict with existing or approved residential or commercial uses of land surrounding the development, and*
- (b) is unlikely to have a significant adverse impact on the regional city's—*
 - (i) capacity for growth, or*
 - (ii) scenic quality and landscape character.*

(3) In determining whether to grant development consent, the consent authority must consider measures proposed to be included in the development to avoid or mitigate conflicts referred to in subclause (2)(a) or adverse impacts referred to in subclause (2)(b).

(4) In this clause—

Regional Cities Map means the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 Regional Cities Map.

regional city means an area of land identified as “subject land” on the Regional Cities Map.

The clause would apply to the development as the site is on “subject land” on the regional cities map.

The matters listed reflect the EIE considered in the addendum report. For the reasons noted in that report, the development is considered to be located to avoid significant conflict with existing or approval residential and commercial uses surrounding the development. It is

considered that the consent authority can be satisfied that the development is not likely to have a significant impact on Wagga Wagga's capacity for growth, nor its scenic quality or landscape character.

Potential conflicts have been mitigated through additional screen planting and through operational measures, such as adjustments to resting angles.

The development is considered consistent with the amendments to the SEPP. All relevant matters have been considered.