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Re: Proposed Temora Solar Farm: DA Number 72/2020 –SEPP55 / SEPP33

Dear Claire,

In reference to the request for comment on SEPP55:

We would like to confirm that the proposed project site is not identified as contaminated land by being listed on the NSW EPA public register of contaminated land.

We attach with this response a letter from the landowner confirming that the property has been farmed non-intensively for many years and that there has been no known historical use of the site likely to have resulted in contamination.

We acknowledge that agricultural activities, as listed in Table 1 – Planning Guidelines SEPP 55 Remediation of Land, have occurred on site. However, this activity is only limited to the use of farm chemicals such as pesticides and fertilisers, which NSW Health advises are not considered to contaminate soils to the extent that mediation is required.

Despite the above, ITP Development suggests that any site investigation into potential contamination could be imposed as a condition of consent to the development proposal, if the determining authority warrants that this approach is necessary.

In response to the request for comment on SEPP33 – discussion about use of batteries on the site and the potential impact should the batteries catch on fire:

The development proposal for Temora Solar Farm did not include a battery in the Development Application submission.

In general, connecting a battery system to a grid-connected solar farm is not a trivial undertaking, and for a system of this scale, could cost in the region of \$2 million, fully delivered and installed. Typically, the inclusion of any battery technology would be specified early in the development stage, and would be referenced explicitly in the Drawing Pack and the Statement of Environmental Effects.

ITP Development has no current plans to install a battery as part of the Temora Solar Farm development.



If there is concern around bushfire, the proposed solar farm development has at least 8m surrounding the facility to act as a defendable space that also doubles as a buffer for (an unlikely scenario of) heat effects.

However, if ITP Development may suggest, at conditions of consent, for a full bushfire assessment to be written by a BPAD person if the determining authority warrants that this approach is necessary.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us again.

Yours Sincerely,

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