

DETERMINATION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

DATE OF DETERMINATION	21 April 2023
DATE OF PANEL DECISION	19 April 2023
DATE OF PANEL MEETING	4 April 2023
PANEL MEMBERS	Garry Fielding – Chair, Graham Brown, Chris Bilkey and Frank Crawley
APOLOGIES	Donna Rygate
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nikki Cohen

Papers circulated electronically on 22 March 2023.

MATTER DETERMINED

PPSWES-137 – Murray River – DA-10.2022.56.1 - 55 Milgate Road, Moama (as described in Schedule 1).

PANEL CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

The Panel considered: the matters listed at item 6, the material listed at item 7 and the material presented at meetings and briefings and the matters observed at site inspections listed at item 8 in Schedule 1.

Development application

The Panel determined to approve the development application pursuant to section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The decision was unanimous.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Panel determined to approve the application for the reasons outlined in the Council Assessment Report.

CONDITIONS

The Development Application was approved subject to the conditions in the Council Assessment Report.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY VIEWS

In coming to its decision, the Panel considered the 2 written submissions made during public exhibition. The Panel notes that issues of concern included:

- Power poles located on one of the submitter's property will be utilised to transfer power generated from the proposed development;
- Seeking further clarification regarding the 1km radius shown on one of the plans.

The Panel considers that concerns raised by the in the submissions have been adequately addressed in the Assessment Report.

PANEL MEMBERS		
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Garry Fielding (Chair)	Graham Brown	

Approved at the meeting – 4 April 2023	1
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Frank Crawley	Chris Bilkey

SCHEDULE 1				
1	PANEL REF – LGA – DA NO.	PPSWES-137 – Murray River – DA-10.2022.56.1		
2	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Electricity generating works – Installation of a 4.95 MW photovoltaic		
3	STREET ADDRESS	electricity generating system and associated works. Lots 70 & 212 DP 751152 - 55 Milgate Road, Moama		
4	APPLICANT/OWNER	Chris Smith & Associates / GW & SE Milgate		
5	TYPE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	General development over \$30 million		
6	RELEVANT MANDATORY	Environmental planning instruments:		
ŭ	CONSIDERATIONS	 State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 		
		 State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021 		
		 State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 		
		 State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 		
		Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011		
		Draft environmental planning instruments: Nil		
		Development control plans:		
		Murray Development Control Plan 2012		
		Planning agreements: Nil		
		Relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021		
		Coastal zone management plan: Nil		
		The likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality		
		The suitability of the site for the development		
		Any submissions made in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 or regulations		
		The public interest, including the principles of ecologically sustainable development		
7	MATERIAL CONSIDERED BY	Council Assessment Report: 22 March 2023		
	THE PANEL	Written submissions during public exhibition: 2		
8	MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND SITE INSPECTIONS BY THE PANEL	 Site inspection: 7 November 2022 Panel members: Garry Fielding – Chair, Sandra Hutton, Graham Brown and Frank Crawley 		

9	COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION	 Council assessment staff: Christopher O'Brien DPE: Amanda Moylan Briefing and Panel deferral: 7 November 2022 Panel members: Garry Fielding – Chair, Sandra Hutton, Graham Brown and Frank Crawley Council assessment staff: Christopher O'Brien Applicant representatives: Duncan Lewis and Darren Spriggs DPE: Amanda Moylan Final briefing to discuss council's recommendation: 4 April 2023 Panel members: Garry Fielding – Chair, Graham Brown, Chris Bilkey and Frank Crawley Council assessment staff: Christopher O'Brien Applicant representatives: Darren Spriggs and Callista Harris DPE: Sung Pak
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10	DRAFT CONDITIONS	Attached to the Council Assessment Report