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Acronyms and abbreviations

| AC | Alternating current |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| CSC | Carrathool Shire Council |
| CCTV | Closed-circuit television |
| DA | Development application |
| DC | Direct current |
| DPI | NSW Department of Primary Industries |
| ENM | Excavated natural material |
| EoL | End of life |
| EPA | Environment Protection Authority |
| EPBT | Energy Payback Time |
| EPI | Environmental Planning Instrument |
| GGE | Green Gold Energy Pty Ltd |
| ha | hectare |
| HV | High voltage |
| km | kilometre |
| kV | kilovolt |
| LCA | Life Cycle Analysis |
| LEP | Local Environmental Plan |
| LGA | Local Government Area |
| L | litres |
| MW | Megawatt |
| m | metre |
| NEM | National Energy Market |

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| NSW | New South Wales |
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| O&M | Operations and Maintenance |
| POEO Act | Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 |
| POEO Waste | Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014 |
| PV | Photovoltaic |
| PVC | Poly-vinyl chloride |
| sqm | Square metre |
| t | tonnes |
| VENM | Virgin excavated natural material |
| WAR | Waste Assessment Report (the report) |
| WARR Act | Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 |
| WMP | Waste Management Plan |

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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

Green Gold Energy Pty Ltd (GGE) is seeking development consent from Carrathool Shire Council (CSC) for a proposed five (5) megawatt (MW) solar farm located at Kidman Way, Hillston. The site is approximately 3.5 km south of the town of Hillston (refer to Figure 1-1).

The proposed solar farm project details are outlined in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 Project details

| Element | Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| Development | Kidman Way Solar Farm |
| Lot / DP(s) | Lot 1 DP626213 |
| Street address | Kidman Way, Hillston 2675 |
| Local Government Area | Carrathool Shire Council |
| DC capacity | Approximately 6.15 MW |
| AC capacity | Approximately 4.95 MW |
| Subject land | 62.66 hectares (ha) |
| Land use | Historically used for cropping and livestock grazing |

1.2. Scope

CSC has requested that a Waste Assessment Report (WAR) is prepared for the proposed solar farm.

This WAR was prepared by Martin Whyburn, Graduate Environmental Consultant, who holds a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Conservation Management). The preparation of the WAR was directed and reviewed by NGH Principal Environmental Consultant, Olivia Merrick. Olivia has a Master of Laws (LLM), Construction and Bachelor of Engineering (Env), Environmental Science (Hons) and over 20 years of experience developing site standards for and ensuring compliance with environmental conditions for major construction projects. Olivia is a certified Lead Auditor with a technical background in environmental management including acid sulphate soils, drainage erosion and sediment control, waste management, land capability and reinstatement requirements.

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This report outlines:

- An assessment of relevant waste legislation that is applicable to the Kidman Way Solar Farm.
- A prediction of the proposal waste streams and volumes.
- A desktop review of available waste disposal facilities.
- A detailed waste management and minimisation principles in reference to waste hierarchy.
- A life cycle analysis of proposal waste.
- Waste mitigation recommendations for the proposal.

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Figure 1-1 Locality of the proposed development (NGH, 2024)

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2. The proposed development

2.1. Overview

The construction and operation of the proposed development is approximately 3.5 km to the south of the township of Hillston, in the Carrathool Local Government Area (LGA). The subject site has historically been used for cropping (cotton, corn, and wheat) and livestock grazing. The surrounding area is predominantly rural land used for similar agricultural activities.

The proposed development would have an approximate 5 MW capacity, providing energy to the National Energy Market (NEM) grid. Connection to the grid would be via a short overhead powerline connection directly south to the existing Essential Energy distribution line along the southern boundary of the subject site.

2.2. Proposed development

Key features of the proposed development are summarised in Table 2-1 below. Note that component specifications are subject to further detailed design and final product selection.

Table 2-1 Summary of proposed development

| Element | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Capacity of the solar farm | 6.15 MW DC / 4.95 MW AC |
| Development site | Approximately 12 ha solar farm infrastructure area. |
| Solar array | Approximately 11,178 solar PV cells (or panels) ground- mounted in rows on tracker tables and approximately 1,300 array posts. |
| Electrical infrastructure | 2 x SMA2660HV-MV inverter station or similar, including the inverter and transformer. HV switchboard. Trenched cabling. |
| Grid connection infrastructure | New power poles supporting an 33kV overhead powerline, running from the HV switch board immediately south to the proposed Point of Interconnection (POI), where there is an existing 33kV line that runs in an east-west direction. |
| Temporary construction site compound | A laydown area (approximately 600 sqm) would be established at the commencement of construction, containing control |

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| | facilities, storage areas, temporary site office and portable amenities. This would be removed, and groundcovers reestablished after the completion of construction. |
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| Fencing, CCTV, and lighting | Standard security wire mesh fencing installed around the site perimeter would be approximately 2 m high. Security features such as CCTV and lighting would be installed on posts around the perimeter fence and on the main access track. |
| Landscaping | Landscape screening is not considered required based on the results of visual impact assessment. |
| Construction hours | Standard daytime construction hours would be 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturdays. Construction would not occur on Sundays or public holidays. |
| Construction duration | Approximately 6-9 months. |
| Workforce | Construction – approximately 40 workers in total at peak construction; however, only 20 workers on site at any one time. Operation – 1 worker located off-site with occasional maintenance crews on-site of around 2 personnel. |
| Operation period | Up to 40 years. |
| Decommissioning | The site would be returned to a state suitable for agriculture. All above ground infrastructure would be removed to a depth of 1m, with some exceptions. The site would be rehabilitated in consultation with the landowner, consistent with future land use requirements. |
| Capital investment value | Calculated at approximately \$5.7 million. |

3. Legislative context

Waste management is an integral part of the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the proposed development. There are several relevant related legislative instruments that are applicable to the proposal.

3.1. Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) Act 1997

The *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) aims to protect, restore, and enhance the quality of the environment in New South Wales (NSW), while still having regard to the need to maintain ecologically sustainable development.

With relevance to waste management, the POEO Act aims to reduce risks to human health and to prevent degradation of the environment through pollution prevention and encouraging a reduction in the use of materials through the re-use, recovery, and recycling of materials. The POEO Act contains the requirements for management of waste and the offences relating to improper management resulting in pollution. Section 148 of the Act requires that the relevant authority [i.e. NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)] must be notified about any pollution incidents that pose a risk to the environment.

Section 143 states that waste is required to be transported to a licenced facility that can legally accept it. It is an offence under Section 115 to negligently dispose of any waste that may harm the environment, or knowingly transport and dispose of waste to a facility that cannot be used for the waste.

Waste classification definitions are outlined in the Act, and further information is provided in the EPA Classification Guidelines (EPA 2014) (Section 3.4).

Wastes that may be generated as part of the construction and decommissioning stages of the proposed development, including 'building and demolition waste' as defined in the Act and includes unsegregated material resulting from activities. Materials including metal, timber, bricks, concrete, glass, plastics, and paper are included in that category.

3.2. Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014

The *Protection of the Environment Operations Waste Regulation 2014* (POEO Waste Regulation) aims to protect human health and the environment and provides the framework for NSW waste industries. The POEO Waste Regulation prescribes the wastes (hazardous waste, restricted solid waste etc) that are inherently deemed as land pollution with the individual guilty of an offence if the waste is dumped illegally.

3.3. Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001

The *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001* (WARR Act) aims to encourage efficient use of resources and to reduce environmental harm. The proposed development's Waste Assessment Report (this report) shall be in accordance with the WARR Act. The proposed development has considered the following:

- Avoidance of unnecessary resource use
- Resource recovery (including reuse, reprocessing, recycling, and energy recovery)
- Disposal

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Green Gold Energy has an obligation to minimise harm to the environment as a result of the construction operation and decommissioning of the proposed development, which is detailed in Section 6 of this report.

3.4. EPA Waste Classification Guidelines

The EPA Waste Classification Guidelines (EPA 2014) encompass four parts:

- Part 1: Classifying Waste;
- Part 2: Immobilisation of waste;
- Part 3: Waste containing radioactive material; and
- Part 4: Acid sulphate soils.

Part 1 of the guidelines provide details on all of the waste classification that are defined in section 49 of Schedule 1 of the POEO Act:

- Special waste
- Liquid waste
- Hazardous waste
- Restricted solid waste
- General solid waste (putrescible)
- General solid waste (non-putrescible)

The proposed development's classification of waste is discussed further in section 4 of this report.

3.5. Carrathool Local Environmental Plan 2012

The Carrathool Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 aims to make local environmental provisions for land in Hillston in accordance with relevant environmental planning instruments (EPI). The LEP does not discuss any specific waste management conditions.

4. Proposal waste streams and volumes

Waste streams that may be generated across the stages of the proposed development are listed below and detailed further in Table 4-1.

4.1. Construction and operation

Potential waste streams during the construction and operational stages include:

- Excavation wastes, including rock and soils.
- Vegetation wastes, from construction (clearing) and maintenance of the facility.
- Packaging materials associated with items delivered to site such as pallets, crates, cartons, plastics and wrapping materials.
- Wastes produced from the cleaning, repairing and maintenance of various heaving construction equipment, including liquid hazardous wastes.
- General wastes including office wastes, scrap materials, broken equipment/ machinery, and biodegradable wastes.
- Chemicals and oils.

4.2. Decommissioning

Potential waste streams during the decommissioning stage includes:

- Solar panels and mounting systems.
- Metals from posts and fences.
- Cabling.
- Inverters, transformers, and similar components.
- Demolition wastes, such as concrete.
- Wastes produced from the cleaning, repairing and maintenance of various heavy construction equipment, including liquid hazardous wastes.
- General wastes including office wastes, scrap materials, broken machinery, and biodegradable wastes.
- Chemicals and oils.

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Table 4-1 Proposed waste streams and volumes

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| Activity / material | Waste Type | Waste Classification | Approx. annual quantity | Storage and treatment onsite | Proposed reuse /recycling/disposal methods | Reuse/ Recycle target | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Construction a | Construction and/or operation | | | | | | | | |
| Office / staff operations | Paper, cardboard, recyclable plastic, soft plastic | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | 800 litres (L) | Separate Bins emptied into secured comingled bulk bins. | Resource recovery off-site - reprocessing at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% | | | |
| | Glass and aluminium | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | 200 L | Separate Bins emptied into secured comingled bulk bins. | Resource recovery off-site - reprocessing at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% | | | |
| | Food waste | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | 600 L | Separate Bins emptied into secured comingled bulk bins. | Disposal off-site at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | 0% | | | |
| | Effluent | Liquid | 300 L | Holding tank | Off-site disposal, collected with bulk effluent tanker | 0% | | | |
| Site establishment | Removal of existing fences/ boundary features | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | 0.2 tonnes (t) | Stockpile | Off-site recycling. Loaded into tipper or flatbed truck | 100% | | | |
| Earthworks | Excavated material VENM/ENM | Classification based on soil tests carried out during | <10 m ³ | Stockpile | Reused on-site. Topsoil to be segregated for reuse in rehabilitation. Excavated material may be used as aggregate for fill, footings, construction pads or road base. | 100% | | | |

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| Activity / material | Waste Type | Waste Classification | Approx. annual quantity | Storage and treatment onsite | Proposed reuse /recycling/disposal methods | Reuse/ Recycle target |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| | | construction and in accordance with Waste Classification Guidelines: Part 1 and 2 (EPA 2014) | | | Where required, disposal off-site at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | |
| | Vegetation clearing and grubbing | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | <4 t | Stockpile | Resource recovery off-site - reprocessing at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |
| | Weed material | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | <1 t | Skip bin | Weeds removed during work will be managed in accordance with the DPI requirements that relate to its classification status. | 0% |
| Construction | Timber | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | Approx.0 25 t | Skip bin | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste</i> <i>Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |
| | Concrete waste | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | <100 m ³ | Stockpile | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste</i> <i>Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |
| | Packaging materials | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | < 7 t | Skip bin | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste</i> <i>Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |
| Plant and equipment maintenance | Liquid wastes - waste oil, coolants, | Liquid waste | Dependent on contamination | Containerised in covered bunded storage | Disposal off-site at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | 0% |

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| Activity / material | Waste Type | Waste Classification | Approx. annual quantity | Storage and treatment onsite | Proposed reuse /recycling/disposal methods | Reuse/ Recycle target |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | lubricants. | | levels of vehicles and containers to be washed. | | | |
| | Tyres | Special waste | <200 L | Stockpile | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste</i> <i>Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |
| | Spill kit waste | General solid waste (non- putrescible) | <200 L | Covered bunded storage | Disposal off-site at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | 0% |
| Decommission | ing | ' | | | | |
| PV Panels | Supporting poles and mounts | General Solid Waste (non- putrescible) | Approx. 600 t | Covered bunded storage | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste</i> <i>Classification Guidelines</i> . | 90% |
| | Glass | | Approx. 250 t | | | |
| | Silicon wafers | - | Approx. 40 t | - | | |
| PV panels and inverter | Electrical grade paper | Special waste | <1 t | Covered bunded storage | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery at an appropriately | |
| components | Coated cloths | - | | | licensed waste facility in accordance with the Waste Classification Guidelines. | |
| | Laminates / tapes | | | | | |
| | Magnetic wire | | | | | |

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| Activity / material | Waste Type | Waste Classification | Approx. annual quantity | Storage and treatment onsite | Proposed reuse /recycling/disposal methods | Reuse/ Recycle target |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| | Lead pads | | | | | |
| | Phase separators | | | | | |
| Electrical cables | Copper / aluminium | General Solid Waste (non- putrescible) | Approx.0 25 t | Covered Bunded storage | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing, or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |
| | Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) | | | | | |
| | Rubber | | | | | |
| Concrete waste | Concrete | General Solid Waste (non- putrescible) | <500 m ³ | Stockpile | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing, or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste</i> <i>Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |
| Fencing | Metal | General Solid Waste (non- putrescible) | <5 t | Stockpile | Resource recovery off-site - Reuse, recycling, reprocessing, or energy recovery at an appropriately licensed waste facility in accordance with the <i>Waste</i> <i>Classification Guidelines</i> . | 100% |

5. Waste disposal facilities

Carrathool Shire Council manages and maintains three (3) landfill sites and two (2) transfer stations. Of these, it is noted the Merriwagga transfer station is only open to Merriwagga residents.

The closest waste management facility (landfill) to the proposed development is Hillston Community Recycling Centre on Kidman Way in Hillston, approximately 5.5 km north.

The operating hours of all the relevant waste disposal facilities are detailed in Table 5-1 below.

Table 5-1 Proposed waste management facilities

| Waste Management Facility | Operating hours | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Hillston | Monday: 7.30am – 10.00am | | |
| | Tuesday: 7.30am – 10.00am and 1.00pm – 4.30pm | | |
| | Wednesday: 7.30am – 10.00am | | |
| | Thursday: 7.30am – 10.00am and 1.00pm – 4:30pm | | |
| | Sunday: 8.00am – 2.00pm | | |
| | Friday, Saturday and public holidays: Closed | | |
| Rankins Springs | Tuesday: 1.00pm – 4.00pm | | |
| | Thursday: 1.00pm – 4.00pm | | |
| | Sunday: 9.00am – 12.00pm | | |
| | Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and public holidays: Closed | | |
| Carrathool | Thursday: 8.00am – 10.00am | | |
| | Saturday: 8.00am – 10.00am | | |
| | Sunday: 8.00am – 10.00am | | |
| | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and public holidays: Closed | | |

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| Goolgowi | Tuesday: 8.00am – 11.00am |
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| | Thursday: 8.00am – 11.00am |
| | Sunday: 9.00am – 12.00pm |
| | Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and public holidays: Closed |

These facilities offer recycling for carboard, paper, glass, plastic, steel, aluminium, used motor oil, farm chemical drums, scrap metal and clean fill (by prior arrangement). It is noted that none of these waste facilities accept liquid waste, hazardous waste, or sharps. Goolgowi transfer station does not accept tyres.

6. Waste management and minimisation

Waste management and minimisation for the proposed development would be in accordance with the POEO Act.

As identified in Table 4-1, food waste, effluent, weed material, liquid waste and spill kit waste requires disposal. These waste streams are unable to be reused or recycled and necessitate disposal to minimise environmental impacts and adhere to legal requirements.

All other waste streams have close to a 100% recycle target, to be achieved by reuse, recycling, reprocessing, or energy recovery offsite at an appropriately licensed waste facility, in accordance with the Waste Classification Guidelines outlined in Section 3.4.

The waste management hierarchy would be adopted throughout the proposed development and is illustrated in Figure 6-1 and described below.



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Figure 6-1 Waste management hierarchy

6.1. Avoid and reduce waste

The waste management hierarchy nominates avoidance of generating waste as the most important priority. To achieve this, the following measures will be implemented to avoid the unnecessary creation of waste:

- Unnecessary resource consumption will be avoided (e.g. fuel-efficient practices will be employed by the project)
- Adequate procurement practices to ensure materials are managed with minimal wastage will be implemented
- Disposal will only occur as a last resort in accordance with the WARR Act
- Establishing agreements with suppliers for 'take back' arrangements for packaging/pallets/drums
- Ensuring appropriate types and quantities of materials are ordered to avoid excess waste and minimise excess of unused materials

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- Coordinating site activities to minimise waste through utilisation of unused materials.
- Ensuring plant and machinery operators employ fuel-efficient practices and that maintenance for plant and equipment uses the least amount of consumables required.
- Ensure that stored supplies are properly protected from the weather.

6.2. Reuse and recycling waste

Waste separation and segregation will be promoted on-site to facilitate reuse and recycling as a priority of the waste management program as indicated below.

- Waste segregation onsite waste materials will be separated onsite into dedicated bins / areas for either reuse onsite or collection by a recycling contractor and transported to off-site facilities.
- Where material cannot be reused onsite, the project will utilise resource recovery facilities (reprocessing, recycling, and energy recovery)

6.3. Waste handling and storage

Waste that is handled and stored onsite prior to onsite reuse or off-site recycling / disposal will have applied the following measures:

- Spoil, topsoil and mulch are to be stockpiled onsite within the compound as indicated in Figure 6-2 on the following page. Mitigation measures for dust control and surface water management will be implemented in accordance with standard erosion and sediment control protocols.
- Liquid wastes are to be stored in appropriate containers in covered and bunded areas until transported off-site. Bunded areas will have the capacity to hold 110% of the liquid waste volume for bulk storage or 120% of the volume of the largest container for smaller packaged storage.
- All other recyclable or non-recyclable wastes are to be stored in appropriately covered receptacles (e.g., bins or skips) in appropriate locations onsite and contractors commissioned to regularly service the bins and dispose of contents at approved disposal or recycling facilities.

6.4. Waste disposal

Waste disposal is to be in accordance with the POEO Act and WARR Act. Wastes that are unable to be reused or recycled will be disposed of off-site to an EPA approved waste management facility, certified to receive the type of waste in question and following waste classification assessment. Waste that need to be disposed of will be removed off-site by a licenced transporter to a licensed facility.

The closest facility is the Hillston landfill. There are some restrictions on the types of waste accepted at this facility and the contractor shall ensure that waste has been appropriately classified prior to utilising this facility. A waste transfer station is also located at Goolgowi.

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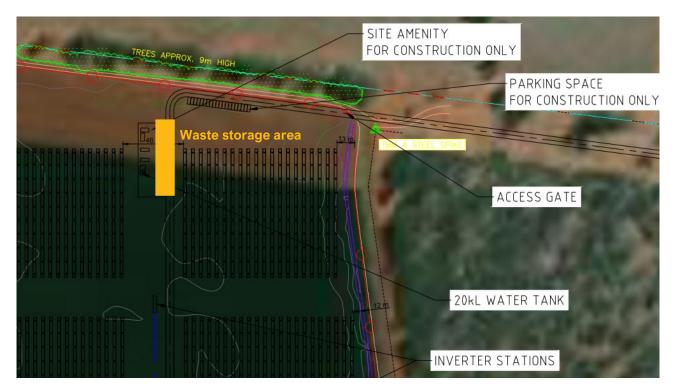


Figure 6-2 Waste storage area (GGE/NGH, 2024).

6.5. Life cycle analysis

A life cycle analysis (LCA), also known as a Life Cycle Assessment, is based on the assumption that every material resource will eventually become waste. The LCA methodology evaluates and quantifies the environmental impacts caused by a material resource during its life cycle (Gerbinet, Belboom, & Leonard, 2014). The main aim of using LCA is to aid in minimising the environmental impacts of materials and guide decision making processes towards a more sustainable outcome (Menoufi, 2011) through the manufacturing, operation, and disposal phases. This is commonly referred to as a 'cradle to grave' approach.

The production of construction materials and the subsequent energy required for solar panels creates wastes. The most energy intensive processes photovoltaic (PV) panel production phase and the manufacturing of silicon (Muteri, et al., 2020). The NSW Department of Industry, Resources and Energy (2016) states that during solar farm operation, PV panels emit no pollution, produce no greenhouse gases, and use no finite fossil fuel resources. As such, it is important to aim for less energy-intensive manufacturing processes to reduce environmental impacts.

It is predicted that solar PV waste will reach around 800 000 tonnes by 2047 (Mahmoudi, Huda, & Behnia, 2020) The large amount of PV waste generated could result in unfavourable environmental impacts if proper end of life (EoL) management is not implemented. Proper EoL management is vital to reduce the overall negative impacts of the PV technologies (Singh, et al., 2021). However, overall, the recycling of solar components is worthwhile due to the increasing potential reuse of components in the future.

In relation to solar projects, the LCA considers the total energy input and annual energy output of the project, termed 'Energy Payback Time'(EPBT). EPBT is a common metric used to represent energy performance of different technologies. It was found that PV panels has an energy payback of 1.5 - 2 years in Europe (Alsema, de Wild-Scholten, & & Fthenakis, 2006). For Australia, it is expected to be at the lower end of the range due to the greater solar resources available. Considering the average lifespan of 30 years for PV

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panels, and an EPBT of approximately 1.5 years, the panels would be producing free energy for the remaining operational life of the panel, being on average 28.5 years (Mahmoudi, Huda, & Behnia, 2020). This may vary according to the operational life of the solar farm and the anticipated timeframes for upgrade or replacement of the panels.



7. Waste mitigation

Environmental waste mitigation measures would be incorporated throughout all stages of the proposed development. These measures will minimise any potential adverse impacts arising from the proposed works on the surrounding environment. The implementation of mitigation measures that should minimise impacts to waste are outlined below in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1 Waste mitigation measures

| ID | Measure | Timing | Responsibility |
|------|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| WM1 | The work site would be kept free of rubbish and cleaned up at the end of each working day. | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM2 | All waste that cannot be re-used would be disposed at a waste disposal facility authorised for that type of waste. | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM3 | No waste would be burnt or buried on-site. | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM4 | All opportunities for recycling would be implemented. | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM5 | The waste management hierarchy would be adopted throughout the proposed development with a priority to avoidance of waste. | Pre-Construction | Principal Construction Contractor |
| WM6 | All waste would be classified in accordance with the EPA's Waste Classification Guidelines and stored, handled and disposed of in accordance with its classification | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM7 | All wastes removed from the site would be recorded. Details would include the quantity of material removed, the contractor transporting it offsite, its location, its category (i.e. disposal or recycling) and its classification. | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM8 | Unnecessary resource consumption will be avoided | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM9 | Adequate procurement practices to ensure materials are managed with minimal wastage will be implemented | Pre-construction | Principal Construction Contractor |
| WM10 | Establishing agreements with suppliers for 'take back' arrangements for packaging/pallets/drums | Pre-construction | Principal Construction Contractor |
| WM11 | Ensuring appropriate types and quantities of materials are ordered to avoid excess waste and minimise excess of unused materials | Pre-construction | Principal Construction Contractor |

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| ID | Measure | Timing | Responsibility |
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| WM12 | Ensuring plant and machinery operators employ fuel-efficient practices and that maintenance for plant and equipment uses the least amount of consumables required | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM13 | Ensure that stored supplies are properly protected from the weather | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM14 | Waste segregation onsite – waste materials will be separated onsite into dedicated bins / areas for either reuse onsite or collection by a recycling contractor and transported to off-site facilities | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM15 | Spoil, topsoil and mulch are to be stockpiled onsite in allocated areas, with dust and surface water controls implemented | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM16 | Liquid wastes are to be stored in appropriate containers in covered and bunded areas until transported off-site | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM17 | All other recyclable or non-recyclable wastes are to be stored in appropriately covered receptacles (e.g., bins or skips) in appropriate locations onsite and contractors commissioned to regularly service the bins and dispose of contents at approved disposal or recycling facilities | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM18 | Waste disposal is to be in accordance with the POEO Act and WARR Act. Wastes that are unable to be reused or recycled will be disposed of off-site to an EPA approved waste management facility, certified to receive the type of waste in question and following waste classification assessment | Construction | Site supervisor |
| WM19 | A Construction Waste Management Plan and Operations Waste Management Plans will be developed by the Principal Construction Contractor, and also the O&M Principal Contractor, and will be required to be submitted to Council prior to construction commencement. | Pre-construction | Principal Construction Contractor |

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