

Thursday, 30 April 2020

Berrigan Shire Council
56 Chanter Street
Berrigan NSW 2712

To whom it may concern,

Re: Development Application Submission for Proposed Solar Farm – Finley

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this development application (DA) for the proposed solar farm we are looking to develop at 231 Broockmanns Rd Finley NSW 2712 (The Site).

Providence Asset Group (PAG) is an innovation driven investment firm and social enterprise, investing in and managing multiple assets in renewable energy, venture capital, clean technology and eco-friendly real estate. We are an Australian company with global investors from the Netherlands, Norway, UK, China, US and Australia who are looking for ethical Environment, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) investments.

Through collaborative partnerships, we support and invest in projects aligned to new forms of renewable and clean energy. We are working with leading universities to accelerate Australia's shift towards affordable and reliable renewable energy which is why we are working to bring one of our 5 Megawatt (MW) community solar farms to Finley which forms part of the 20 proposed sites we are looking to develop across NSW. The project and the associated development entity NSW Community Renewables (Finley) Pty Ltd are 100% owned by PAG.

Something we have recently witnessed is the significant impact the drought has had on many regional communities around Australia, and we want to ensure that these communities can continue to be viable and enticing places for people to live. Our 5 MW projects will bring key benefits to the community including:

- Affordable clean power available for local community businesses and members without the need for government subsidies;
- Delivered from Providence's regional office in Tamworth office but creating local employment for Finley both long term and during construction;
- Direct support for Community initiatives via our community partnerships;
- High tech jobs and local research opportunities through our UNSW, UTS and CRC partnerships;
- Future deployment of energy storage; and
- Opportunity for local investment into the community solar farm.



Through our partnerships and engineering expertise we can build cost competitive solar farms without relying on any government subsidies.

Our most important goal however is to become a contributing member of this community. We realise the importance of relationships in regional communities and we aim to build strong relationships with all those who want to be part of it. As part of the DA process, we have completed a social impact assessment which includes neighbouring property engagement, local businesses (where appropriate), local council and other interested parties. This forms part of the all-important Community Engagement Framework we are developing for these projects across NSW.

We have built a team of professional people who will help deliver this project ensuring that all aspects and considerations are taken care of. We would love to hear from you about additional ways that we can contribute towards this great community and encourage you to reach out to our Director of Community Engagement, Steve Badgery steve.badgery@providences.com.au to discuss your thoughts.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to submit this development application for our proposed solar farm. We look forward to the opportunity in delivering this exciting renewable energy solution to the community of Finley.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry Sun".

Henry Sun
Chief Executive Officer
Providence Asset Group

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Llewellyn Owens
Chief Technology Officer
Providence Asset Group