

40/21/DA/DM – 4.95MW SOLAR FACILITY – LOT 126 BROUGHANS ROAD FINLEY

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

No.	Summary of Submission	Comment on Submission
1	<p>The submitter is pro-development in Berrigan Shire in particular for renewable energy. The submitter is concerned about the visual impacts on their property, that there is no visual impact assessment to analysis potential impacts and that no landscaping is planned for the site to mitigate against potential visual impacts. Given the proximity of the development to other properties the submitter is concerned that there is no stormwater management plan and no noise assessment as they would expect to hear some level of noise during the construction phase and would like to know what mitigation strategies that are planning for this potential impact.</p>	<p>Landscaping will be provided around the perimeter of the proposal to effectively mitigate the potential visual impacts from the proposal and to add to the amenity of the neighbouring environment. A stormwater plan is provided with the proposal to ensure that stormwater will be contained onsite. In regards to noise there are a number of mitigation strategies included in the Statement of Environmental Effects that will affectively mitigate noise impacts and the duration for construction works is for a maximum duration of 9 months without prior approval from Council.</p>
2	<p>A submission was received by Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). They had no objections to the proposal. CASA acknowledges that modern solar panels are designed to absorb light and not to reflect light. The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is relatively advanced in terms of solar farm glare evaluation and acknowledges a glare assessment for the proposal for potential glare along the final approach paths to the airport to ensure pilot vision is not impacted during the critical last phases of a flight, in accordance to these guidelines. The proposal effectively comply with FAA requirements.</p>	<p>An assessment on the proposal has been submitted in accordance with the FAA guidelines. The proposal will ensure mitigation strategies recognised in the Statement of Environmental Effects are implemented including notifying the Finley Aerodrome management and commercial operators of the proposal and forming landscaping in areas identified in the assessment report as soon as practical.</p>