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Subject: RE: Robertstown Solar Variation and Robertstown Solar East new Crown Sponsorship Application
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Good afternoon Steve,

I am writing to you to verify that the development application submitted below is consistent with the Crown sponsorship supported under section 131(2)(c) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and that DEM endorse the submission of the application into the Development Application Processing (DAP) system.

Kind Regards,

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Hi Mary,

As discussed last week, please find attached a copy of the Robertstown Solar Planning Report (without Appendices) for your review to confirm the document aligns with the pending Crown Sponsorship and that once Crown Sponsorship is granted, we can proceed directly to lodgement of the Development Application.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

We are on track to lodge as soon as we receive the Crown Sponsorship approval.

Best regards,

Steve

Steve McCall

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Dear Mr McCall

CROWN SPONSORSHIP ROBERTSTOWN EAST SOLAR PROJECT

Thank you for your letter of 17 May 2024, requesting Crown Sponsorship under section 131 of the *Planning, Development, and Infrastructure Act 2016* (PDI Act) to assist with Amp Power Australia Pty Ltd (Amp), and Energy Projects Solar Pty Ltd (EPS Energy), proposed Robertstown East Solar Project (Project).

In principle, the project is supported, recognising the possible environmental and community issues that will need to be addressed through the development assessment process.

On balance, the development of Amp and EPS Energy's proposed project has the potential to benefit South Australia and can be considered essential infrastructure. Accordingly, I, as Acting Chief Executive of the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM), support the development and specifically endorse the development application to construct the project, comprising up to 300MW solar farm as a development of 'essential infrastructure' under section 131(2)(c) of the PDI Act.

It is the responsibility of Amp and EPS Energy to prepare all documentation as required by the relevant Act. This includes all costs in the preparation, lodgement and assessment of the development application and any other subsequent action in relation to this application.

A certificate from the Office of the Technical Regulator must also accompany your development application to ensure that your project meets either Real Inertia or Fast Frequency Response criteria to safeguard the stability and reliability of the state's electricity network.

The Crown and essential infrastructure pathways transitioned into the Development Application Processing (DAP) system on 9 November 2023. It is now the responsibility of the Proponent to lodge a development application directly into the DAP.

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Given these changes to the process, you must first email a copy of the application comprising introductory email and all lodgement documents, to DEM's Office of the Chief Executive (DEM.OCE@sa.gov.au and cc mary.lavelle@sa.gov.au).

Once the application is confirmed to be consistent with the Crown sponsorship, a verification email will be sent, and you may then lodge the development application into DAP, including a copy of verification email, nominating the Crown Agency as co-applicant and share DAP access with your state agency contact.

These lodgement documents can be provided in electronic form or made available via download link. Any fee levied by DAP is the responsibility of Amp and EPS Energy.

It is a requirement that you contact Mary Lavelle, Industry Analyst, on 08 8429 3515 or via email at mary.lavelle@sa.gov.au prior to the lodgement of the development application to ensure all relevant statutory requirements are met.

DEM makes no representations and gives no warranties in relation to the outcome of the development application or time that it takes to secure a planning outcome. It is the responsibility of Amp and EPS Energy to obtain all other statutory approvals, licences, connection agreements and permits from relevant authorities; manage community expectations; and to fund the project. The Government of South Australia makes no commitment to purchase any product or service related to the project.

The development application should be received electronically, by mail or in person by the DAP within 12 months from the date of this letter, otherwise my support for this Crown sponsorship under section 131(2)(c) of the PDI Act will lapse.

Yours sincerely

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Vince Duffy
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Dear Dean,

RE: LARGE SCALE PV PROJECT- ROBERTSTOWN EAST

The development of the Large Scale PV Project – Robertstown East has been assessed by the Office of the Technical Regulator (OTR) under section 122 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017* prescribe if the proposed development is for the purposes of the provision of electricity generating plant with a generating capacity of more than 5 MW that is to be connected to the State's power system – a certificate from the Technical Regulator is required, certifying that the proposed development complies with the requirements of the Technical Regulator in relation to the security and stability of the State's power system.

In deciding on your application, I have taken the following information into account:

- 20240530 Robertstown East - Statement for the Office of the Technical Regulator (002).pdf

After assessing the information provided, I advise that approval is granted for the proposed generator on the condition that the stage 1 250MW/500-MWh battery energy storage system at the Large Scale Battery and PV Project Robertstown provides 141.6MW of fast frequency response.

It should be noted that should the above condition not be addressed, this may have impact on the ESCOSA license for the proposed generator.



Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call Mark Burns on (08) 8429 2707.

Yours sincerely

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Rob Faunt
TECHNICAL REGULATOR