



27 March 2013

Mr Sam Haddad
Director-General
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Haddad,

**Determination of the Broken Hill Solar Plant
(MP10_0202)**

I refer to the Executive Director's letter dated 25 March 2013 referring the above application to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination under Ministerial delegation.

I have nominated myself to constitute the Commission to consider and determine the application.

I have carefully considered the Department's assessment report and recommendation as well as submissions from the Broken Hill City Council, the Office of Environment and Heritage, the Roads and Maritime Services and the NSW Office of Water. I note that the project has been modified to address the issues raised in the submissions from these agencies.

I agree with the Department's assessment that the key impacts relating to biodiversity, visual amenity, construction noise and traffic and indigenous heritage can be managed and/or mitigated to an acceptable level. I also accept that the proposal is in the public interest as it is consistent with the target identified in the NSW State Plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The proposal will also assist in meeting the Federal Government's renewable energy target.

The application is approved subject to the recommended conditions. The signed instrument of approval and the file are returned herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle Kibble AO
Planning Assessment Commission

cc. The Hon Brad Hazzard MP
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