
Date: 22 August 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject: Brewongle Solar Farm – Early Development Planning in Brewongle, NSW

I am writing to you regarding a renewable energy project that Edify Energy has recently commenced planning in your local community. We will continue to engage further with you and the broader community throughout the Brewongle and Bathurst region as these plans progress.

We encourage you to make contact with Edify Energy, so that your details can be included to the proposal's Stakeholder Register. This will enable subsequent updates and material to be shared with you, in addition to a direct line of communication available to you with the proposal's Project Manager.

Company Overview

Edify Energy is an Australian owned Independent Power Producer that has successfully delivered around \$1.7b of solar and battery projects across Australia, spanning seven currently operational projects. This includes the first utility-scale solar projects in Queensland (Collinsville, QLD), Australia's first hybrid solar plus battery project (Kerang, Victoria) in addition to establishing the largest operational battery energy storage system in New South Wales (Darlington Point, NSW).

Edify Energy takes a long-term view of the projects we develop. Not only do we develop, finance and then manage the operational assets under extended term contracts, Edify also seeks to maintain a long-term equity interest in our projects, ensuring that Edify's lasting project view is aligned with that of its landholders, communities and investors. This long-term business model is a distinguishing feature of Edify's investment strategy and should instil confidence that landholders, local stakeholders and the broader community are entering into a credible, long-term partnership.

Edify's Project Plans

We are currently progressing with conceptual plans for a solar and battery project that connects to Transgrid's overhead 132kV transmission network. At this early point in time, our plans remain at a conceptual stage, which we seek to progress further in Q4-2023. We note there is potential electricity export capacity of approximately 90 – 95MW^{ac} that could be provided within a development area of approximately 180 - 190 hectares.

We are conscious of previous unsuccessful efforts around 2017, by *Photon Energy*, who proposed to develop a similar project on the subject land, being 315 Tarana Road, Brewongle NSW. Our team is aware that community opposition arose during this time, in part due to suboptimal planning and engagement efforts that were described as lacking in detail, local experience and proactivity when preparing the proposal. We understand this and other prior development efforts throughout the Bathurst region resulted in various residents and concerned stakeholder groups mobilising to oppose the development of solar farms in Brewongle (131.2 MW, *Photon Energy*), Eglinton (200 MW, *Neoen Australia*) and the nearby and recent Glanmire proposal (60 MW, *Elgin Energy*).

My colleagues and I have conducted extensive research into the complex community sentiment associated with solar and battery proposals within the Bathurst region. Our early objective has been focused on



understanding the concerns previously raised and to pinpoint avenues through which projects could be strategically developed to optimize benefits for a diverse range of stakeholders.

This letter represents an initial engagement with you and the local community. Edify seeks to engage with local stakeholders in a proactive and involving manner, leveraging our experience from executing significant solar and battery projects elsewhere in New South Wales and Australia that have delivered beneficial outcomes for each local community.

To assist with your understanding of the project, I have attached the following:

- Brewongle Solar Farm preliminary concept map; and
- Solar Farm Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

The subject land is associated with one landholder's property, with multiple land parcels including Lot 1 in Deposit Plan 1236901, Lot 2 on Deposit Plan 1236901 and Lot 1 on Deposit Plan 1206130. Edify's current study area spans a total area of approximately 300 hectares, whereby only part of this forms part of the proposal (being 180 – 190 hectares). An indicative layout for the project is provided as an attachment to this letter, with further detail provided in the FAQs.

We are committed to engaging with all local stakeholders and landholders within proximity to this proposal and we hope to meet with you in person during the early planning stage to share updated project plans and outline the upcoming specialist investigations that are scheduled to occur throughout Q4-2023 and into 2024/25. We welcome your feedback and look forward to discussing any comments and potential concerns you may have. Your feedback can help us adjust our early plans based on your views and the local community's feedback.

Sincerely,

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