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NSW Department of Planning & Environment
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Attention: Sally Munk

Dear Sally,

Progress Report Sub-Stage 1E & Beyond - SSD 7704 Alternate Primary Operational Power Supply Rushes Creek Poultry Production Farm

The purpose of this letter is to provide NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) a progress update on the proposed alternative primary operational power supply arrangements for Farm 2 at Rushes Creek Poultry Production Farm, as specified by Condition A24A and A24B of SSD 7704.

This letter is associated to the commencement of operations at **Farm 2** within **Sheds 13 to 18**. Following incubation forecasting discussions with the supplier, it is estimated operations shall commence within **Sheds 13 to 18** between Friday 6 January 2023 and Monday 30 January 2023.

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) have been engaged by ProTen Tamworth Pty Ltd (ProTen) to prepare a Modification Application to obtain consent for the installation of solar panels, inverters, batteries, and associated infrastructure providing a permanent alternative and sustainable energy source to support the approved poultry sheds associated with **Farm 2**.

SLR lodged a SEARs request to DPE on Tuesday 24 May 2022 for the abovementioned Modification Application, with advice issued by DPE on Friday 24 June 2022.

It is still declared that an off-grid solar solution is the desired alternative power supply solution to operate the Rushes Creek Poultry Production Farm and therefore, preparation of Modification 4 has progressed.

Following from receipt of advice, the following tasks have been undertaken:

1. Finalisation of Architectural Plans to accompany the Modification Application.
2. Engagement of sub-consultants and preparation of the following specialist reports:
 - Air Quality Assessment
 - Acoustic Assessment
 - Visual Impact Assessment
 - Traffic Impact Assessment
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Assessment
 - Fire Safety Study

- Waste Management Plan
 - Modification Report
3. Liaison with a solar panel and battery supplier to ensure materials can be provided by forecasted time, following development consent of Modification 4. However, implications have arisen in procuring a suitable lithium ion battery. This is owing to offshore supply constraints that has led to the company engaging an alternate supplier.

An agreement has now been signed and the data sheets provided for this battery solution. After receiving this information, the following reports and studies have been finalised:

- Site Plans
- Visual Impact Assessment
- Acoustic Assessment

The following report is proposed to be issued by Friday 9 December 2022, to enable the finalisation of the Modification Report:

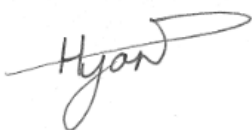
- Fire Safety Study
4. A meeting with DPE Assessment Team was undertaken to discuss other components that can be included within the proposed Modification application. The proposed modification will include the following additional components:
- Amend the description of the shed flooring
 - Removal/deletion of the constructed dwelling from SSD 7704
 - Amended Site Plan
5. The Modification Report has been prepared in accordance with NSW DPE's '*State significant development guidelines – preparing a modification report. Appendix E to the state significant development guidelines, 2022*' document.

The Modification Report has been prepared to a draft stage pending the deliverance of the revised Fire Safety Study. It is envisaged this will only be a one to two day task to complete the Modification Report following receipt of the outstanding report.

Considering the above information, it is anticipated the Modification Application package shall be available for preliminary review by DPE on 13 December 2022 and formal submission to DPE by early January 2023 as discussed with the DPE Assessment Team.

We trust this letter fulfills the requirements of Conditions A24A and A24B of SSD 7704-Mod 3.

Yours sincerely,



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