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26 June 2023

Ref: WWSF-CONS-DPIE-009

The Planning Secretary  
Department of Planning and Environment

Re: Walla Walla Solar Farm (SSD-9874)

Subject: Submission of the Independent Environmental Audit Report of the development by Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd

Dear Sir / Madam,

In accordance with Schedule 4 Condition 9 of DA Consent (SSD-9874) and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020), Independent Audit of the development must be conducted within 3 months of commencing construction works.

In accordance with Schedule 4 Condition 10 of DA Consent (SSD-9874), the Planning Secretary approved Mr Richard Peterson of Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd to undertake this Audit via the Department's letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb 2023.

The Independent Audit covered the pre-construction, site establishment and early construction activities for the period from the commencement of construction until the 24th of April 2023. The Audit included a site inspection, consultation with relevant project stakeholders and a review of management plans, project documents and site -records. The site inspection was undertaken on the 24th of April 2023. The final Audit Report was completed on 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2023 and shared with the Principal on 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

In accordance with Schedule 4 Condition 13 of DA Consent (SSD-9874), the Principal is submitting the final Audit Report for your review and comments.

The Principal would like to provide response to the key Audit findings, with specific references to non-compliances recorded in the Report:

**1. Non-compliance (NC1) – The project website is not up to date with the information required by Schedule 4 Condition 15.**

**Principal's response:** It is noted that few documents are not uploaded on the website. The Principal initiated the action on it and all the required documents (as highlighted in the Audit Report) will be uploaded on the website within next 2 weeks. The Principal will also ensure that this website is updated regularly in accordance with the consent conditions.

**2. Non-compliance (NC2) – Formal notification of construction commencement to DPE (has been noted by DPE as a non-compliance).**

**Principal's response:** The Department informed about this non-compliance earlier and the Principal also provided their response on 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Although this notification was provided on the same day of the start of construction works, however the actual construction work started in the



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afternoon after the notification was provided. Having said this, the Principal noted this non-compliance and will take due care in future.

3. The Principal also noted several recommendations aimed at strengthening existing environmental management processes and will continue to work with the EPC Contractor to implement the recommendations.
4. As the Department assessed one more non-compliance on 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 and since it was outside the window of first three months, it is not recorded in the Audit Report.
5. As the Department approved Out of Hours Work (OOHW) on 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 and since it was outside the window of first three months, it is not recorded in the Audit Report.

Please consider this submission in accordance with Condition 13 of Schedule 4 of the development consent for the Walla Walla Solar Farm (SSD-9874)

Yours Sincerely,

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*Pradeep Vashishta*  
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Principal's Representative, Walla Walla Solar Farm Asset Co Pty Ltd as trustee for the Walla Walla Asset Trust