

Explanatory Note – Jindera Solar Farm (SSD 9549)

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment assessed a development application from Jindera Solar Farm Pty Ltd to develop a 120 megawatt (MW) solar farm with 30MW / 60 MW-hour (MWh) of battery storage approximately 4 kilometres north of Jindera.

Approval was granted by the Independent Planning Commission to the development on the 22 December 2020. The development consent contained a condition of consent requiring the applicant to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Council.

The VPA provides an upfront payment to Council of \$700 000, then a further \$250 000 in five annual payments (adjusted annually) and an annual contribution of \$25, 000 (adjusted annually) for a lasting community fund until either the end of the operation or for 30 years.

The VPA secures offsite benefits for the community so that the development will deliver a net community benefit. Consequently the VPA will have a positive impact in the locality of the development.