



**Greater
Hume
Council**

To:

Extraordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Greater Hume Council will be held at the Culcairn Council Chambers, Balfour St, Culcairn, commencing at 5.30pm

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the following reports as listed below:

Environment and Planning

- **Greater Hume Council - Submission to the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement - Jindera Solar Farm**

STEVEN PINNUCK
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDER OF BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED
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BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. PRAYER

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people, and pay my respect to elders both past, present and emerging".

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST
(CONFLICT OF INTEREST)**

4. APOLOGIES

5. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PART A For Determination

- Environment and Planning Item 1

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**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
TO BE HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BALFOUR STREET, CULCAIRN
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2019**

OFFICER'S REPORT – FOR DETERMINATION

PART A

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. **GREATER HUME COUNCIL – SUBMISSION TO THE EXHIBITION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT – JINDERA SOLAR FARM**

Report by Director Environment and Planning – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

On 11 October 2019 Council received a notice of the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Jindera Solar Farm which is on exhibition from Wednesday 16 October until Wednesday 13 November 2019.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have requested that Council provide its submission by COB Friday 8 November 2019. Consequently, the EIS has been reviewed and a draft submission has been prepared for the consideration of Council.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

None relevant.

DISCUSSION

As mentioned, Council received notification on 11 October 2019 from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that the EIS for proposed Jindera Solar Farm was on exhibition from Wednesday 16 October until Wednesday 13 November 2019 and that they requested Council provide a submission by COB Friday 8 November 2019.

To meet the abovementioned timeframe Council has undertaken a review of the EIS and prepared a draft submission (**ANNEXURE 1**) which finds that Council should formally object to the Jindera Solar Farm for the following reasons:

1. The development will result in adverse environmental, social and economic impacts for the local community.
2. The proposed development will restrict the ability for Jindera to grow in the direction of the subject land.
3. Concerns in relation to the bushfire risk posed by the development.
4. Loss of high quality agricultural land.
5. Impacts on native vegetation and Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The submission also provides proposed conditions of consent in relation to road works in the event that the application is approved.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Considerable internal resources of Council have been utilised to prepare the submission.

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CONCLUSION

Council has reviewed the EIS for the Jindera Solar Farm in response to the notification of exhibition received by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and has prepared a draft submission which finds that Council should formally object to the proposed development.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolve to adopt the draft submission made in response to the exhibition of the EIS for the Jindera Solar Farm and formally object to the proposed development.