



Mr Baker Bell
Project Engineer
Signal Energy – Finley Solar Project

By email to: baker.bell@signalenergy.com

Dear Mr Bell

**Finley Solar Project SSD 8540
Construction Hours Extension**

I refer to your emails dated 18 October 2018 and 26 October 2018, requesting the Secretary's approval to extend the construction hours for the Finley Solar Project.

The Department notes that Signal Energy proposes to change the construction hours on:

- Monday to Friday to 6:00am to 7:00pm;
- Saturday to 7:00am to 5:00pm; and
- Sunday & NSW Public Holidays to 7:00am to 5:00pm.

It is noted that Signal Energy has consulted with the residents of five (5) adjacent properties, who were identified in the *Finley Solar Farm Noise Impact Assessment 2017* as having the potential to be affected by noise during the construction phase of the Finley Solar Project.

It is also noted that Berrigan Shire Council and Roads and Maritime Services were consulted, and that all stakeholders who were consulted have not objected to the proposed extended hours work.

The Department has considered the information submitted, including the following mitigation measures proposed during the proposed extended work hours:

- mechanical works (e.g. operation of piling machines and excavators) will not occur within 500m of an identified noise sensitive receptor;
- consultation will occur with adjacent residents with the potential to be affected by the extended work hours;
- a noise monitoring program will be carried out at adjacent sensitive receptors; and
- Signal Energy will respond to and resolve all complaints received from adjacent residents.

Accordingly, under Condition 13, Schedule 3, of development consent SSD 8540, the Secretary approves your request to vary the construction hours for the Finley Solar Project; on the condition that mechanical works will not occur within 500m of any non-associated residence during the extended works.

The Department notes that it will continue to monitor the project to ensure that it complies with the conditions of consent, particularly in relation to construction activities. If any complaints are received about the extended construction hours, or the NSW Roads and Maritime Service objects to the works, the Department reserves the right to restrict works to the hours stipulated in the development consent. If complaints or objections are received or if noise exceedances are observed, please notify the Department immediately and consider ceasing works.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact Leesa Johnston on 02 82896861.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Clay Preshaw and the date 1/11/18.

Clay Preshaw
Director
Resource and Energy Assessments
as the Secretary's nominee