


## DIRECTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This direction is given under regulation 83 of the Environment Protection Regulation 2020

<b>Proposed action name</b>	Muckaty Solar Precinct
<b>Proponent</b>	AAPowerLink Australia Assets Pty Ltd
<b>NT EPA reference</b>	EP2025/044
<b>Nature of proposed action</b>	Energy (renewable)
<b>Proposed action</b>	<p>The proposed action is the development of a large-scale solar generation and battery energy storage system precinct on Muckaty in the Barkly Local Government Area</p> <p>The proposed action is located within NT Portion 5173 approximately 27 km west of the Stuart Highway, 121 km north of Tennant Creek and 81 km south of Elliot (Kulumindini).</p> <p>Energy generated at the precinct will be dispatched through the Australia-Asia Powerlink Project's transmission system on Powell Creek Station.</p> <p>The proposed activities require the development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• solar generation sites (including solar panels, local collector network, inverters, batteries, substations)</li> <li>• transmission infrastructure (including switching station, and overhead transmission line)</li> <li>• non-process infrastructure (including access roads, airfield, rail siding accommodation, borrow pits, laydowns, borefield).</li> </ul> <p>Solar generation sites will be constructed in stages. Each generation site is expected to take approximately five years to construct and operate for approximately 70 years following commissioning.</p> <p>Temporary non-process infrastructure is expected to be progressively decommissioned. Solar generation sites will be decommissioned and rehabilitated progressively at the end of each site's operational life.</p>
<b>Direction</b>	The proponent is directed to provide the additional information in relation to the Referral (refer to Attachment A).
<b>Submission period for additional information</b>	The additional information must be submitted to the NT EPA within 30 business days of the date of this Direction.
<b>Person authorised to give direction</b>	<p>Dr Paul Vogel AM – Chairperson, Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority</p> <p>Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i></p>
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date of direction</b>	23 December 2025

## Attachment A – Additional information

### AA PowerLink Assets Pty Ltd – Muckaty Solar Precinct

**Table 1.** Additional information to be provided in accordance with regulation 83

Item	Context	Additional information required
1.	<p><b>Size of Project Area</b></p> <p>The proponent notified the NT EPA of substantive errors in the project area and the preliminary disturbance footprint provided in the referral.</p> <p>The terminology used in relation to the area of disturbance / footprint of a) land potentially suitable for solar development and b) corridors where roads, transmission and non-process infrastructure will be located - and whether combined they form the preliminary disturbance footprint or disturbance footprint, is unclear.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide the correct area (in hectares) and location of the project area.</li> <li>• Clarify the term used to describe the area of disturbance from the proposed action. Describe what the disturbance comprises e.g. disturbance footprint comprising the proposed solar development area and access and service corridors.</li> <li>• Provide updated tables, figures and spatial data (including an update of Table 2-2 of the referral), including the corrected project area and area of disturbance.</li> <li>• Describe any changes to the assessment of direct, indirect and cumulative impacts resulting from the correction.</li> <li>• Identify any changes to avoidance, mitigation or management measures required to account for any new or altered environmental impacts.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Location of non-process infrastructure</b></p> <p>Section 2.2.1 of the referral states that ‘additional footprints may be required (outside of the preliminary disturbance footprint) to accommodate non-process infrastructure’.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm whether the proposed action includes non-process infrastructure outside of the corrected area of disturbance (and within the corrected project area).</li> <li>• If non-process infrastructure will, or may, be located outside of the corrected area of disturbance, address how the mitigation hierarchy will be applied in site selection, and identify mitigation and management actions that will be undertaken.</li> </ul>