

Submission on the referral

AAPowerLink Australia Assets Pty Ltd – Muckaty Solar Precinct

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C)

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Referral main report, Section 9 Community and economy	People theme, Community and economy factor	<p>The Muckaty project proposal could accommodate a workforce of ~3000 people, is expected to be delivered through a staged construction period of 2 to 5+years and sustain a relatively large ongoing workforce of ~200 people. Given the scale of the project, the proposal could have significant economic and social impacts.</p> <p>The impacts identified in the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) for the adjacent AAPowerLink project include impacts to businesses and the workforce; regional services, roads and community infrastructure; and community cohesion, amenity and identity.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>To maximise the net benefits of the project, CM&C recommends that the extended SIMP and Territory Benefit Plan, which will cover both projects, continue to include clear commitments on local/regional/NT jobs, training and procurement, and to address regional socio-cultural concerns. Commitments should include tangible actions, quantitative targets and regular monitoring, review and public reporting of progress.</p>
Referral main report, Section 9.6 Community and economy	People theme, Community and economy factor	<p>The proposal will have cumulative economic and social impacts, in light of other development projects in the region.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>CM&C recommends that the proponent work proactively with governments and with other key regional stakeholders to jointly coordinate activities to mitigate negative cumulative impacts and maximise benefits, including activities for training and business development and for maintaining social cohesion.</p>