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Response to invitation to comment – NT Environment Protection Act 2019 (EP Act) Additional Information – Muckaty Solar Precinct, Northern Territory

Dear Ms Fitzpatrick

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the additional information for the Muckaty Solar Precinct project, in accordance with regulation 83 of the *Environment Protection Regulations 2020*.

As outlined in the department's letter to the Chair of the NT EPA on 17 December 2025, a delegate of the Minister determined that the proposed action is a controlled action requiring assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) (referral number EPBC 2025/10357). The department notes that:

- On 17 December 2025, the assessment approach decision under the EPBC Act was paused to request further information on whether:
 - the NT EPA will assess the environmental impacts of the proposed action as it stands, or,
 - the referral under the EP Act varied to align with the EPBC Act referral, and,
 - the assessment method that will be applied.
- The Additional Information submitted to the NT EPA confirms that the Project Area and Preliminary Disturbance Footprint are now consistent across both the EPBC Act and EP Act referrals.

Should the NT EPA accept the additional information and determine that the proposal requires assessment under the EP Act, the department looks forward to receiving confirmation on whether the NT bilateral agreement will apply.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact the project manager, Michael Weiss, by email to EADSAandNTSection@dcceew.gov.au and quote EPBC reference number 2025/10357.

Yours sincerely,



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