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Dear Ms Smith

**Re: Invitation to comment - additional information - Muckaty Solar Precinct - AAPowerLink
Australia Assets Pty Ltd**

The additional information submitted for the above referral has been assessed by the relevant divisions within the department and the following comments are provided:

Flora and Fauna Division

The Flora and Fauna Division's previous advice on the referral remains the same.

Mining Division

The Mining Division has reviewed the additional information and confirms that the previous advice provided remains valid.

Water Resources Division

There are no issues of concern requiring comment within the responsibilities of the Water Resources Division beyond those already provided for this proposal.

Environment and Heritage Division

Heritage Branch Advice

The Heritage Branch has reviewed the additional information and advises that the previous advice remains unchanged.

Land Resources Division

Land Management Unit

The Land Management Unit have reviewed the additional information, and the previous advice provided remains the same.

Vegetation Assessment Unit

The Vegetation Unit has reviewed the additional information and confirms that no change to its previous comment is required.

Weed Management Branch

The Weed Management Branch has reviewed the additional information provided, and a desktop assessment of the Northern Territory (NT) Weeds Database for NT Portion 5173, taking into account the updated project footprint, associated non-process infrastructure, surrounding parcels and roads has revealed current and/or previous data records of the following weed species.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Declared
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	Class A
Prickly acacia	<i>Vachellia nilotica</i>	Class A
Athel pine	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Class A
Rope cactus	<i>Cylindropuntia rosea</i>	Class A
Coral cactus	<i>Opuntia spp.</i>	Class A
Belly ache bush	<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i>	Class A/B
Rubber bush	<i>Calotropis procera</i>	Class B
Parkinsonia	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Class B
Buffel grass	<i>Cenchrus spp.</i>	Unclassified
Neem	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Class B

All land in the NT is subject to the *Weeds Management Act 2001* (WM Act). The WM Act describes the legal requirements and responsibilities that apply to all persons, owners and occupiers of land regarding declared and potential weeds. General duties described in Division 1 of the WM Act include the requirement for owners or occupiers of land to take all reasonable measures to prevent land being infested with a declared weed and to prevent a declared weed from spreading.

Mesquite, prickly acacia, athel pine, belly ache bush, parkinsonia and neem are all subject to a statutory weed management plan. Management obligations outlined in individual weed management plans are legally binding on all owners and occupiers. Management requirements and copies of the statutory weed management plans are available online¹.

Belly ache bush, mesquite, prickly acacia and rope cactus are declared weeds, Class A and are included in the Tennant Creek Regional Weeds Strategy 2021-2026 as Category 1 priority weeds for eradication.

Environmental Regulation Division

Environment Operations

The Environmental Regulation Division has reviewed the additional information provided and confirms their previous comment remains the same.

¹ <https://nt.gov.au/environment/weeds/weed-management-planning>

Lands & Planning Division

The land parcel in question (NT portion 5173) is part of unzoned land.

Accordingly, planning permits are required for the following:

- Subdivision (lease/licence/right > 12 years); and
- Clearing of native vegetation.

Background:

- A lease, licence or right to occupy land for a term exceeding 12 years constitutes a subdivision for the purposes of the *Planning Act 1999* and therefore triggers the requirement for subdivision approval; and
- Clearing of native vegetation on unzoned land is administered by the Land Resources Division (DLPE).

Should you have any further queries regarding these comments, please contact the Development Coordination Branch by email DevelopmentAssessment.DLPE@nt.gov.au or phone (08) 8999 4446.

Yours sincerely



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