

Submission on the referral

Fortune Agribusiness Funds Management Pty Ltd – Singleton Horticulture Project

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

Government authority: Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
3.5.8 – Power Supply During Operation, page 30	Development of local infrastructure	<p>Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although the proponent identifies the need for upgrades to power supply infrastructure, the referral contains limited information regarding the proponent’s stakeholder engagement to progress the necessary upgrades. <p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM&C suggests the proponent provides further detail about their engagement with relevant stakeholders, such as Territory Generation, specifically with regards to arrangements to progress the required upgrades to power supply infrastructure.
3.3.1 – Accommodation and services hub, page 21	Workforce	<p>Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ali Curung is a General Restricted Area under the Alcohol Exclusion Areas and although, the proximity of a wet mess to Ali Curung is identified as a risk factor for the community, it is not further explored in the context of mitigation. <p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM&C suggests the proponent further considers the social and workforce implications of a wet mess located close to a restricted community, to inform the Workforce Management Plan.
Decommission Plan (Appendix X)	Project legacy costs	<p>Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current Decommission Plan (the Plan) only partially addresses the full decommissioning and remediation of the proposed project area. The Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> excludes infrastructure on Singleton Station outside of the ‘Farm Production Gate’ area and therefore excludes comment on the decommissioning of accommodation facilities, packing sheds, post-harvest handling facilities etc (page 1) does not refer to decommissioning of the solar farm (Referral Report page 50) states (page 3) ‘Waste management will be a major factor of the decommissioning process; however, all efforts will be made to remove any items that are not fixed’ implying that not all items (fixed or not fixed) will be removed.

		<p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To mitigate the risk of an incomplete decommissioning and remediation of the project site it is recommended that the proponent:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ makes a clear commitment to fully decommission and remediate the entire area impacted by the project○ updates the current Decommission Plan to include information about the full decommission and remediation of the project area.
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