

## **DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL - ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979**

NOMINATED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (NOT BEING DESIGNATED DEVELOPMENT)

### **DA 423/2019(1) - 643 MITCHELL HIGHWAY, ORANGE**

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* and the *Regulations*, notice is hereby given that an integrated development application has been made to Council seeking approval for:

#### **Electricity Generating Works (Solar Farm)**

The development involves the construction of a solar farm consisting of 16,000 solar modules producing 5MW of AC power (6.05MW (DC)). The solar modules (consisting of photovoltaic (PV) panels) are proposed to be arranged in 95 rows measuring either 90m or 60m in length and will be 2m wide. Each row will be spaced approximately 6m apart. Each row of PV panels will be attached to motorised trackers on posts that will rotate to follow the sun throughout the day.

The development also involves the construction of:

- an inverter station;
- BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) station;
- internal access road;
- 2.1m high perimeter chain wire security fence;
- screening landscaping
- removal of a single tree; and
- demolition of a farm shed.

The subject land has an area of approximately 72.8 hectares; the solar farm will occupy approximately 22.6 hectares of the subject land. The site has direct frontage to the Mitchell Highway and the solar farm is proposed to be sited adjacent to the front boundary. Access to the land is proposed via a new access onto the Mitchell Highway.

The proposal will be on land described as Lot 200 DP 1194585, being 643 Mitchell Highway, Orange. The applicant for the proposed development is ITP Development Pty Ltd. The consent authority is the Western Regional Planning Panel.

The development is classified as Integrated Development under the provisions of Clause 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and is referred to as Nominated Integrated Development under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. The reason being: a Controlled Activity Approval under the provisions of sections 89, 90 and 91 of the *Water Management Act 2000* will be required from the NSW Department of Industries - NRAR. Additionally, the development also requires approval from Transport for NSW (formerly RMS) pursuant to Section 138 of the *Roads Act* given the proposed access point onto the classified road (Mitchell Highway).

The application may be inspected at Council's principal office at the Customer Service Counter, ground floor, Civic Centre - corner of Byng Street and Lords Place, Orange - during ordinary office hours, being 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday for 28 days from Friday, 7 February 2020 to Friday, 6 March 2020. During this period, any person may make written submission on this development proposal to Council.

Information can also be found at: [www.orange.nsw.gov.au/development-applications-in-progress/development-applications-on-exhibition/](http://www.orange.nsw.gov.au/development-applications-in-progress/development-applications-on-exhibition/)

If you wish to make a submission, please quote reference numbers DA 423/2019(1) - PR26437. Please include your postal address and a contact telephone number if you wish to be advised of the progress or the outcome of the application. It would also be appreciated if you could include a

contact email address if you have one. If a submission includes objections to the proposal, the grounds of objection must be specified. Submitters are required to comply with section 10.4 (Disclosure of Political Donations and Gifts) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Information on making a submission can be found at: [www.orange.nsw.gov.au/making-a-submission/](http://www.orange.nsw.gov.au/making-a-submission/)

Submissions close at, and must be received by Council by, 5.00 pm on Friday, 6 March 2020.

In inviting submissions, Council advises that:

- (i) Any information provided to or collected by Orange City Council is for the purpose of assessment of a Development Application.
- (ii) The information is to be publicly available.
- (iii) The intended recipients of the information are Council staff, the developer, the public, the Western Regional Planning Panel and Councillors.
- (iv) The making of any submission is entirely voluntary.
- (v) The person providing the information has a right to access the information to correct any personal information supplied.
- (vi) The submission will be placed in Council's file and may appear on Council's website during the consideration of the Development Application.
- (vii) Council's file on the Development Application may be accessed by any person.
- (viii) Signatures, personal contact details, personal financial information and photographs depicting persons will not be made available on Council's website.
- (ix) Comments of abusive or offensive nature should be avoided.