



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,  
the Environment and Water

EPBC 2023/09641

Ms Siobhan Threlfall  
Development Manager  
Richmond Valley Solar Farm  
Level 2, 275 George St  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

## Decision to approve Richmond Valley Solar Farm, Myrtle Creek, NSW

Dear Ms Threlfall

I am writing to you about a proposal to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar farm, 7 km east of Rappville, NSW (Proposed Action).

I have considered the proposal in accordance with Part 9 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and have decided to grant an unconditional approval to Richmond Valley Solar and BESS Pty Ltd. The details of my decision are attached.

Please note that while your project has been approved with no EPBC Act conditions, you are still required to undertake the action as described in the documentation provided to the department during the assessment process. Furthermore, I note you are still obliged to undertake the project in accordance with state legislation and approval conditions.

In addition, the Minister for Environment and Water retains the ability, in accordance with section 143 of the EPBC Act, to add conditions in particular circumstances, including to address any unexpected impacts on protected matters.

The department actively monitors and audits proposals referred or approved under the EPBC Act. Your project may be selected for audit by the department at any time and all related records and documents may be examined. Please refer to the department's [Compliance and enforcement](#) page for further information on the compliance monitoring and auditing program.

I have also written to the following parties to advise them of this decision:

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State or Territory ministers	Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy
	Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP
	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon Julie Collins MP
	NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP

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Please advise the department when you commence the action and ensure you keep the details of the person responsible for administration of the approval decision up to date throughout the life of the approval via email to [epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au).

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact the project manager, Kate Austen, by email to [kate.austen@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:kate.austen@dcceew.gov.au), or telephone 02 5162 1733, and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Gowland', written over a diagonal line that extends from the top left towards the center.

Kate Gowland  
Branch Head  
Environment Assessments (NSW, ACT)

11 December 2025