



GOYDER

South Australia's Heartland

Ref: 188/19

26th August 2019

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To whom it may concern,

Re: Discussion Papers on Changes to Renewable Energy Policies

The State Planning Commission has released a discussion paper that proposes new planning policies for South Australia's renewable energy sector, ahead of public consultation on the Planning and Design Code later this year.

At the 20th August 2019 ordinary Council meeting the following motion was passed:

188/19: That Council considers the current setbacks inappropriate and recommends:

- 1. 3km wind turbine setback from townships and settlement zones;***
- 2. 2km wind turbine setback from non-associated dwellings;***
- 3. 500m solar farm setback from conservation areas;***
- 4. 750m solar farm setback from township boundaries; and***
- 5. 100m solar farm setback from neighbouring land.***

The Regional Council of Goyder is a leader in the renewable energy sector, embracing and supporting the renewable sector whilst always operating under an 'open for business' platform.

Within the Council area Solar Farms are a rapidly emerging land use that requires clear policy guidance to support renewable energy generation where it can co-exist with primary production activities, and current planning policies do not provide explicit guidance on the cumulative impacts of renewable energy developments on neighbouring land. We are also aware that there are relatively few planning policies dealing with solar farms, hydro and battery storage facilities in the existing planning system.

Council supports that the current planning policies need to be updated to keep pace with the new technology and this will ensure the new and updated policies reflect a fair, equitable assessment process and new policies reflect the increasingly wide range of renewable energy technologies being developed with flexibility to support other potential forms of energy generation into the future. We are also mindful of previous developments and our recommendations reflect a need to work with and for the benefit of community.

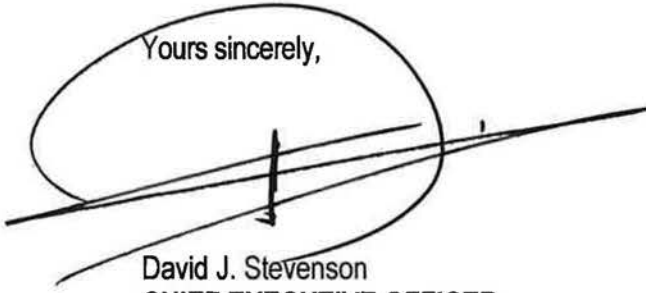
If you'd like to discuss this in further detail please contact me via my Executive Assistant Emily Moore at [REDACTED]

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We trust our recommendations will be reviewed favourably.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping lines that form a stylized representation of the name David J. Stevenson. The signature is written over a large, hand-drawn oval.

David J. Stevenson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER