

ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000 APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION LICENCE

Goorambat East Solar Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 652 230 521) as trustee for Goorambat East Solar Farm Trust (ABN 60 585 057 338)

RECORD OF DECISION

25 March 2025

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (El Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted Goorambat East Solar Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 652 230 521) as trustee for Goorambat East Solar Farm Trust (ABN 60 585 057 338) (GESF) a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale at the Goorambat East Solar Farm. The Goorambat East Solar Farm is located in the vicinity of Goorambat, Victoria and has a total nameplate capacity of 250 MW.

BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the EI Act provides that a person must not engage in the generation of electricity for supply or sale or the transmission, distribution, supply or sale of electricity by retail unless the person:

- (a) is the holder of a licence authorising the relevant activity;
- (b) is exempted from the requirement to obtain a licence in respect of the relevant activity; or
- (c) is the holder of a trial waiver in respect of the relevant activity.

Section 18(1) of the EI Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to generate electricity for supply or sale (under subsections (1)(a) and (d)).

On 23 December 2024, GESF applied to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity for supply or sale.

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's electricity generation licence application form and 'Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences', GESF provided the commission with necessary documentation supporting the application.

On 14 February 2025, the commission published a copy of the application and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application. The commission did not receive any submissions regarding the application.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the EI Act provides that the commission may grant or refuse the application for any reason it considers appropriate, having regard to the objectives of the commission under the provisions of the EI Act and the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (ESC Act).

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that:

- GESF has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- GESF is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale.

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the EI Act and having regard to its objectives under the ESC Act and the EI Act, the commission has decided to grant GESF a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale. The authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the generation of electricity at the Goorambat East Solar Farm located in the vicinity of Goorambat, Victoria.

THE COMMON SEAL of the ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION was affixed pursuant to the authority of the commission on 28 March 2025

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