

Appendix A. Section 49 Endorsement



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Refer to Amended Letter
24 January 2018

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Dear Mr Nangia

CROWN SPONSORSHIP EQUIS ENERGY TALEM BEND STAGE 2 SOLAR PROJECT

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 2017 requesting Crown sponsorship under section 49 of the *Development Act 1993* to assist with your proposed Taillem Bend Stage 2 Solar Project.

This project has been considered within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, with input from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, and the Environmental Protection Agency. In principle, the proposal is supported, recognising the possible environmental and community issues that will need to be addressed through the development assessment process.

On balance, the development of Equis Energy's (Equis) Taillem Bend Stage 2 Solar Project has the potential to benefit South Australia and can be considered public infrastructure. Accordingly I, as the Chief Executive of the South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet, will support the development, and specifically endorse the development application to construct the project comprising up to 90 MW capacity of Single Axis Tracking solar panels as a development of public infrastructure as required by section 49 of the *Development Act 1993* (the Act).

It is the responsibility of Equis to prepare all documentation as required by section 49 of the Act. All costs in the preparation of the development application, lodgement and any other subsequent action in relation to this application are the responsibility of Equis.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet makes no representations or gives no warranties in relation to the outcome of the development application or time that it takes to secure a planning outcome. It is Equis' responsibility to obtain all other statutory approvals, licences, connection agreements and permits from relevant authorities, manage community expectations and to fund the project. The State Government makes no commitment to purchase any product or service related to the project.

A Development Application under this Crown sponsorship must be lodged with the State Planning Commission on or prior to 3 November 2018. If this is not achieved by that time, my support under Section 49(2)(c) of the *Development Act 1993* for Equis' Taillem Bend Stage 2 Solar Project will lapse.

If you have any questions regarding the preparation of the material to support this section 49 variation application, please contact Mr Mark Jackson on (08) 8429 5082 or via email mark.jackson@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Don Russell', written in a cursive style.

Dr Don Russell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE