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Department of
**State Development,
Infrastructure and Planning**

Kabanka Pty Ltd
c/- Volt Advisory Group
Mr Richard Schoenemann
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Dear Mr Schoenemann

I refer to your email dated 2 March 2026 requesting that I give notice under section 106ZE(1)(b) of the *Planning Act 2016* (Planning Act) that a community benefit agreement (CBA) is not required for a prospective development application at Degarra (Lot 9 on RP903516).

As outlined in the request, the prospective development application seeks a development permit for a material change of use for a 1.5 megawatt (MW) solar farm (prospective development application).

Pursuant to section 106ZE(1)(b) of the Planning Act, I give notice that a CBA is not required for the prospective development application.

I have considered the location, nature and scale of the proposed development. The proposal is for a small-scale 1.5 MW solar farm with a limited physical footprint of approximately 1.3 hectares. The proposal is to be in a remote area on a previously disturbed site and is well screened by dense vegetation.

I have also considered the request and the supporting information provided by you, including a social impact assessment (SIA) report under the Planning Act, dated February 2026, prepared by Environment Pacific Pty Ltd.

I note that the SIA report concluded that the proposed development is unlikely to result in a direct, indirect or cumulative negative social or environmental impact on the local community. The SIA report further identifies that the proposed development will deliver overall community benefits, including enhanced community resilience to natural disasters through improved electricity reliability for essential services, communications and safety.

I also note that the request was accompanied by correspondence from the Douglas Shire Council supporting the findings in the SIA report and advising that in Council's view, a CBA is not required for the prospective development application.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Paul Beutel, Director, Development Assurance, in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, by telephone on (07) 3452 7693 or by email at paul.beutel@dsdip.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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