



**ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000
APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION LICENCE**

**Girgarre Solar Farm Pty Ltd as trustee for the Girgarre
Solar Farm Trust (ACN 624 298 728)**

RECORD OF DECISION

22 November 2023

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (Industry Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted Girgarre Solar Farm Pty Ltd as trustee for the Girgarre Solar Farm Trust (ACN 624 298 728) (Girgarre Solar Farm Pty Ltd) a licence to generate electricity and sell electricity at the Girgarre Solar Farm located in the vicinity of Girgarre, Victoria, 3625, with a nameplate capacity of 93.31 MW.

BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the Industry 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 unless the person is:

- (a) 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 Industry Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to generate electricity for supply or sale and to sell electricity.

On 12 July 2023, Girgarre Solar Farm Pty Ltd submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity, and to sell electricity to the wholesale electricity market.

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

On 20 September 2023, 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 Industry 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 Industry Act and the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (Commission Act).

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that:

- Girgarre Solar Farm Pty Ltd has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- Girgarre Solar Farm Pty Ltd is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to generate electricity and sell to the wholesale market.

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Industry Act, and having regard to its objectives under the Commission Act and the Industry Act, the commission has decided to grant Girgarre Solar Farm Pty Ltd a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity. This authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the generation of electricity at the Girgarre Solar Farm located in the vicinity of Girgarre, Victoria, 3625, and the sale of electricity generated by this facility through the wholesale electricity market.

THE COMMON SEAL
of the ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the commission
on 24 November 2023

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Kate Symons
Chairperson