

# Pre-Permit Preliminary Assessment – Solar Farms in Irrigation Districts

The purpose of this form is to undertake a preliminary assessment of the appropriateness of the proposed site location based on irrigation infrastructure policy considerations and decision criteria outlined in the Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline, 2019.

This form should be completed by Goulburn-Murray Water following completion of the 'Pre-Permit Application Information' and 'Pre-Permit Assessment' forms for Solar Farms in Irrigation Districts.

## Application Check List

- The applicant has completed the 'Pre-Permit Application Information' form for Solar Farms in Irrigation Districts.
- The applicant has completed the 'Pre-Permit Application Assessment' form for Solar Farms in Irrigation Districts.

### Question 1.

- a) Are there irrigators downstream of the proposed site (if yes, how many)?
- b) Do these downstream irrigators depend on irrigation assets (including channels or infrastructure) on the proposed site?
- c) Will these downstream irrigators depend on irrigation assets on the site were impacted (ie. Removed)?
- d) What will this impact be?

### Comment

### Question 2.

What is the usage level of water compared to the actual capacity of the irrigation infrastructure servicing the site, based on rural water corporation mapping? *(note: where relevant information could include delivery shares, water entitlement, water usage and the impact on downstream irrigators).*

### Comment

### Question 3.

Has the irrigation infrastructure servicing the site has benefitted from Commonwealth or state government investment in infrastructure modernisation? *(note: where relevant information could include applicable irrigation infrastructure i.e. channels, outlets, any connections agreements).*

### Comment

### Question 4.

Is the proposed site is connected to the modernised irrigation infrastructure and considered integral to the future viability of the irrigation district? *(note: where relevant information could include channel x channel assessment, connections agreements & rationalisation opportunities)*

### Comment

**Question 5.**

Does the overall change in land use at the site align with any known or current asset management plan for the viability of the irrigation district? *(note: where relevant information could include infrastructure investment and potential opportunities to fully maximise irrigation opportunities rather than change of land use to solar farm & co location factors)*

**Comment**

**Question 6.**

Does the change in land use close off any future opportunities to make irrigation footprint adjustments? *(note: where relevant information could include accumulative impacts of small parts of the irrigation network going out of production)*

**Comment**

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The advice provided in this form does not pre-empt any decision made about the permit application.

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