

ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000 APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND SALE LICENCE

Glenrowan Sun Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 620 923 748)

RECORD OF DECISION

21 October 2020

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 Glenrowan Sun Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 620 923 748) a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity at the Glenrowan West Solar Farm located off the Hume Freeway, 11km south-west of the town of Glenrowan in Victoria.

BACKGROUND

Requirement to obtain a Licence

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

Entitlement to apply for a Licence

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.

The applicant

On 6 August 2020, Glenrowan Sun Farm Pty Ltd submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity to the wholesale electricity market.

The application

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's 'Guide to Applications for Electricity Industry and Gas Industry Licences', Glenrowan Sun Farm Pty Ltd provided the commission with comprehensive documentation supporting the application.

In particular, Glenrowan Sun Farm Pty Ltd presented information to provide assurance concerning its technical capacity.

On 18 September 2020, 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:

- Glenrowan Sun Farm Pty Ltd has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- Glenrowan Sun Farm Pty Ltd is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale, and to sell electricity in Victoria.

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 Glenrowan Sun 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 Glenrowan West Solar Farm located off the Hume Freeway, 11km south-west of the town of Glenrowan in Victoria, and the sale of electricity generated by this facility through the wholesale market.

THE COMMON SEAL of the ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION was affixed pursuant to the authority of the commission on 21 October 2020

Kate Symons Chairperson

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