



Notification of

REFERRAL DECISION – not controlled action

Construction and Operation of a Solar Farm, west of Pittsworth, Queensland, (2016/7764)

This decision is made under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed action

person named in the referral	Yarranlea Solar Pty Ltd ABN 30 609 850 553
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proposed action	To construct and operate a Utility Scale Photovoltaic solar Farm at Yarranlea-Murlaggan Road, 10 km west of Pittsworth township, Queensland; as described in the referral received by the Department on 22 August 2016. [See EPBC Act referral 2016/7764]
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Referral decision

status of proposed action	The proposed action is not a controlled action.
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Person authorised to make decision

name and position	James Barker Assistant Secretary Assessments (QLD, Tas, Vic) and Sea Dumping Branch
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signature

date of decision	16 / 9 / 2016
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Notice of decision

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Protected plant authority¹

This notice is issued by the administering authority to advise of a statutory decision on a permit application.

To: Mr Nick Canto
PO Box 878
TOOWONG QLD 4066

Our reference: 442831

Dear Mr Canto,

Re: Decision made in relation to your application

Your application received on 22-Jun-2016 has been assessed and the decision in regard to your application is specified below:

Permit applied for	Permit number	Decision
Protected plant clearing permit under s282 of the Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006	WIPA17428216	Granted

For the permit applied for that has been granted, the conditions of approval are attached. Where applicable, a Statement of Reasons is provided in relation to the decision. Please note that for the approval, this Notice of Decision and the relevant attachments constitute the permit documentation. Please retain this approval documentation for your records.

Included with this notice is advice on review and appeal processes that may be available to you. Should you seek a review or appeal, you are advised to seek independent advice before taking such action.

If you require more information, please contact Christian Retschlag on the telephone number listed below.

Yours sincerely



Sally Egan
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
27-Jul-2016

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¹ Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation.

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Attachment – Permit/Statement of Reasons

Protected plant authority

This authority is issued under the following legislation:
S89 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*

Protected plant clearing permit

Permit¹ number: WIPA17428216

Valid from: 29-Jul-2016 to 28-Jul-2018

Parties to the Permit

Role	Name	Address
Principal Holder	Yarranlea Solar Pty Ltd	C/-Power Tynan Suite 6, 618 Ruthven Street TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
Person In Charge	Mr Nick Canto	C/-Yarranlea Solar Pty Ltd 76 Sunset Road KENMORE QLD 4069

Permitted Location Activity Details

Location (s)	Activity (s)
538 Yarranlea Road via, PITTSWORTH QLD 4356 Lot 2 Plan RP7475	Protected plant clearing permit under s282 of the Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006

Permit Details

Species Details

Location		Activity	
538 Yarranlea Road via, PITTSWORTH QLD 4356		Protected plant clearing permit	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Category	Area
	Homopholis belsonii	Live	0.9386 ha

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Conditions of Approval


General Permit Conditions

Agency Interest: General

- PG1 Activities relevant to the impact and direct take of *Homopholis belsonii* under this permit must be in accordance with the procedures and actions outlined in the following documents except where conditions below indicate otherwise:
- Application form clearing permit (protected plants) signed by Nick Canto on 22/6/16.
 - Attachments to application for clearing permit (Protected Plants) - including: Ecological Assessment of the Proposed Yarranlea Solar Project, Yarranlea, Queensland and Attachment to the email from Nick Canto received 20/07/16.
- PG2 Commencement of operations under this permit cannot occur until appropriate offsets approvals have been secured and a notification of agreement has been signed by the EHP delegate and the proponent under section 19 and 19a of the Environmental Offsets Act 2014. The offset liability is 3.7544 ha of *Homopholis belsonii*.

Agency Interest: Biodiversity

- PB1 This permit approves 0.9386 hectares of clearing impact area with 12 distinct patches of *Homopholis belsonii* to be directly taken under this authority.
- PB2 Should the project not proceed, in addition to the requirement to rehabilitate the areas once cleared, the site must not be further disturbed and must be maintained to ensure erosion and weed control.



Sally Egan
Delegate
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection