



**Notification of
REFERRAL DECISION – not controlled action if undertaken in a particular manner**

**Construction and operation of solar farm, 20 km north-east of Chinchilla, Queensland
(2017/7942)**

This decision is made under sections 75 and 77A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed action

person named in the referral	First Solar (Australia) PTY LTD ABN: 66 141 686 946
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proposed action	To construct and operate a solar farm, 20 km north-east of Chinchilla, Queensland [See EPBC Act Referral 2017/7942].
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Referral decision: Not a controlled action if undertaken in a particular manner

status of proposed action	The proposed action is not a controlled action provided it is undertaken in the manner set out in this decision.
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Person authorised to make decision

Name and position	James Barker Assistant Secretary Assessments and Sea Dumping Branch
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signature

date of decision	16 June 2017
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manner in which proposed action must be taken	The following measures must be taken to avoid significant impacts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
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- i. No more than 25 individual **Queensland White Gum trees**, from within the **development footprint**, are will be cleared as a result of the proposed action.
 - ii. A **tree protection zone** of 10 m must surround all retained **Queensland White Gum trees** located within the **clearing impact area**.
 - iii. The **Queensland White Gum trees** and their habitat remaining in the **clearing impact area**, except for within road reserves, must be managed and protected in accordance with the **Protected Plants Impact Mangement Plan**.
 - iv. Ground disturbance within the **clearance impact area** must remain outside the **tree protection zone** and limited to areas required for access tracks, underground cables, the substation and solar panel piles.

Definitions:

EPBC Act: means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Clearance impact area: means the clearance impact area shown in the attached map

Development footprint: means the development footprint shown in the attached map

Project site: means the project site shown in the attached map

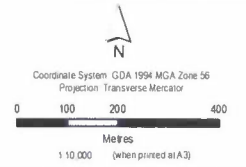
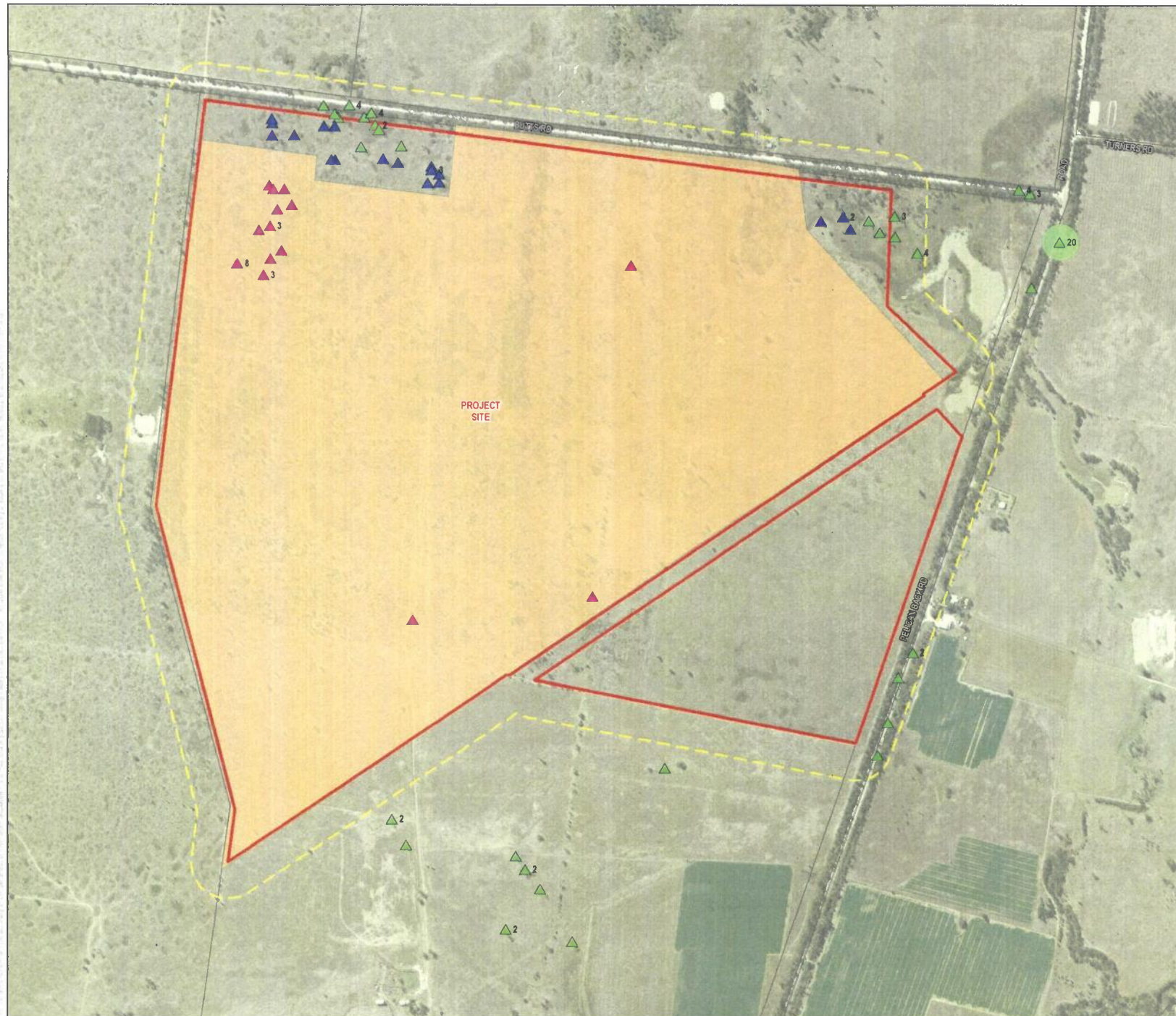
Protected Plants Impact Mangement Plan: means *Chinchilla Solar Farm Protected Plants Impact Management Plan* dated 08 May 2017.

Queensland White Gum trees: means *Eucalyptus argopholia* listed under the **EPBC Act**.

Tree protection zone: no vehicles or machinery that may damage the trees root zone is permitted to enter this area.

Attachment:

Map: *Eucalyptus argopholia* Locations (see, Figure 2, page 4 of the *Chinchilla Solar Farm Protected Plants Impact Management Plan* dated 08 May 2017).



Legend

- 50m Buffer
- Project Site
- Development Footprint
- Clearing Impact Area (CIA)
- Cadastral Boundary

***Eucalyptus argophloia* Location (labelled if > 1 tree at location)**

- ▲ Location
- ▲ Directly Impacted
- ▲ Indirectly Impacted



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**First Solar Chinchilla
Species Impact Management Plan**

map

***Eucalyptus argophloia* LOCATIONS**

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