

Lightsource bp (LSbp) Wellington North Solar Farm Operational Independent Environment Audit.

The following outlines LSbp response to the Auditor identified opportunities for improvement (OFI) and recommendations where the overarching conditions of Development Consent SSD 8895 (CoC) or EIS Mitigation Measures (MM) were assessed as compliant or not yet triggered.

OFI#	Approval ID	Specific requirement (summarised for relevance to OFI)	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendation	O&M Contractor	LSbp Comments
OFI 1	CoC 3.2	Whilst operation of the solar farm commenced on 12 October 2024, there were some heavy vehicle movements after this date which would be attributed to construction, i.e. load out of materials. Between 12 October and 01 November 2024 there were six exceedances of the limit of 5 heavy vehicle movements a day during operations. Between 02 November and 19 December there were no exceedances of the heavy vehicle limit. LSbp and GRS site personnel reported that the heavy vehicle movements between 02 November and 19 December 2024 are reflective of predicted and ongoing operational movements.	Generally, the project is considered to be compliant with the intent and requirements of this condition, however GRS O&M must ensure ongoing compliance with this condition and keep accurate records (in accordance with CoC 3.3).	Continue to maintain existing heavy vehicle movement recording process (as established in EPC phase) throughout Operations and Maintenance phase. Est Timeframe – Provide evidence snapshot as at 19/03/2025 and ongoing.	O&M Contractor to confirm with ongoing assurance.
OFI 2	MM BF8	Dead end tracks include provision for turning fire trucks however dead-end signs have not been installed.	Dead-end signs to be installed in accordance with Mitigation Measure BF8.	Install no-through road signs. Est Timeframe 5/3/35	O&M contractor to confirm.
OFI 3	BF11	The GRS O&M Emergency Response Plan and GRS O&M Bushfire Management Plans do not outline the minimum PPE required to respond to emergency scenarios and where this is available on site.	Review and revise the GRS O&M Emergency Response Plan and GRS O&M Bushfire Management Plan with relevant details of PPE requirements and ensure these are available on site for use in emergency situations.	Review and revise the GRS O&M Emergency Response Plan and GRS O&M Bushfire Management Plan with relevant details of PPE requirements and ensure these are available on site for use in emergency situations. Est Timeline – 19/03/2025	O&M contractor to confirm.
OFI 4	BF11	The GRS O&M Emergency Response Plan and GRS O&M Bushfire Management Plan do not clearly communicate the risk the unique hazards specific to the site, e.g. the solar array, the potential risk of electrocution with or without isolation and details on how fires may be fought around and within the solar array.	Review and revise the GRS O&M Emergency Response Plan and GRS O&M Bushfire Management Plan with relevant details related to unique hazards and risk controls.	Review and revised GRS O&M Emergency Response and Bushfire Management Plan with relevant details related to unique hazards and risk controls. Est Timeline – 19/03/2025	O&M contractor to confirm.