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Dear Mr Stolz

**RESPONSE TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REFERRAL
AP2020/006 GLADSTONE SDA APPLICATION
MCU FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY (SOLAR FARM) & SUBSTATION**

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited (GPC) received a copy of the above application material lodged by Acciona Energy Australia Global Pty Ltd on 4 March 2021.

GPC has reviewed the application and welcomes renewable energy projects to our region. The long term planning involved in the development of the Gladstone State Development Area (GSDA) and continued development of Fisherman's Landing at the Port of Gladstone are also recognised as strategically important to the economic development of the region and State of Queensland. In addition, the more recent development of the Master Plan for the Priority Port of Gladstone and its implementation by the recent Port Overlay, contribute to the environmentally sustainable development of the GSDA and Port of Gladstone. These documents also highlight the importance of efficient and strategic development of the port and associated industries, and other development that supports port-related activities in these key locations.

GPC supports all new industry, but in particular strongly advocates for strategically locating the types of industry that require access to large vessels or import/ export opportunities in proximity to existing and future port facilities. Considerable strategic planning and investment is being made into the long term development of the Fisherman's Landing precinct of our port, driven heavily by available industrial land close by in the GSDA capable of accommodating heavy industry and the provision of material transport corridors linking the GSDA and the Port.

Whilst the interim nature of solar farms is recognised, it is GPC's preference for sites within the GSDA precincts, most suitable for minerals processing or manufacturing land uses that could cause nuisance to sensitive land uses, be preserved for those purposes. Strategic and appropriate location of industry in the GSDA that rely upon imports and exports, including the use of the corridors, is also instrumental in achieving our goal of optimisation of port facilities.

Long term planning to date has sought to ensure that industry is located in a manner that will not limit the capacity of port facilities and will enhance the economic, environmental or social outcomes for the region.

Further planning information can be obtained from Erin Clark, Principal Planner on 07 4976 1287 or via email planning@gpcl.com.au.

Yours Sincerely,



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