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### Solar Flagships Disappointment 19 June 2011

Mildura Development Corporation Chairman, Dane Huxley and Chief Executive Officer Anne Mansell, today expressed their great disappointment at the Prime Minister's announcement of the successful Solar Flagships photovoltaic project, which was awarded to BP Solar at Moree.

"While we certainly wish to congratulate our regional colleagues at Moree, it is disappointing news for our region, particularly as the TRUenergy and First Solar "Mallee Solar Park" project had an exceptional business case that had attracted State Government support of \$100 million." Mr Huxley said.

Mrs Mansell said that Mildura Development Corporation would be working with Mildura Rural City Council and local member Peter Crisp to ensure that the \$100 million remained dedicated to a solar project in the Mildura region and would continue to encourage and support local large scale solar developments.

"All our research and effort over the last two years demonstrates that the Mildura region is the best place in Victoria for the development of large scale solar power developments and we will continue to work with Government in supporting and facilitating these opportunities." Mrs Mansell said.

MDC will continue to vigorously pursue its charter to identify and encourage a range of potential development opportunities.

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