

Our ref: Corowa BESS (SSD-87041214)

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14/05/2026

Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Mr. Monkkonen

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Corowa Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-87041214) ended on 13 May 2026.

The Department notes that advice is still outstanding from Federation Council, Indigo Shire Council, Transport for NSW, Rural Fire Service and Essential Energy. This advice will be provided to you once received. We have placed all submissions on the NSW Planning Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects.

Once you have had a chance to review the submissions, the Department would like to meet with you to discuss the key issues raised. These include flood impacts and risk (including further modelling and consideration of emergency management), hazards, water supply, Aboriginal cultural heritage (regarding stakeholder consultation) and biodiversity (regarding Biodiversity Development Assessment Report finalisation).

We now require a written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under section 59(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (the Regulations). The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development Guidelines including Appendix C - Preparing a Submissions Report*.

We also require a response to the issues raised by agencies in their advice. This response should be incorporated into the submissions report.

Please lodge your submissions report by 14 July 2026 via the NSW Planning Portal <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

Note that the time between the date of this letter and the date the Planning Secretary receives your response is not included in the 'assessment period' under section 94(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

If you have any questions, please contact Pragya Mathema, on 9228 6158 or via email at pragya.mathema@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Wynn".

Samantha Wynn

Team Leader

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as delegate for the Planning Secretary