

Our ref: Rothbury Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-85939708)

Ms Radha Rockwood

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Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Ms Rockwood

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Rothbury Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-85939708) ended on 17 July 2026.

We have placed all submissions on the NSW Planning Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects. Note that advice is outstanding from Transport for New South Wales, DCCEEW CPHR, Heritage NSW and NSW Rural Fire Service. Advice from these agencies will be provided to you once received.

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 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 16 October 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 Gracie Jackel, on (02) 9274 6213 or via email at gracie.jackel@dphi.nsw.gov.au.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SOyston".

Samantha Oyston
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary