

Department of Planning and Environment

Our ref: Calala Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-52786213)

Ms Elizabeth Zorondo
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Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Ms Zorondo

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Calala Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-52786213) ended on 13 December 2023.

The Department notes that advice from Tamworth Regional Council, the Department's Biodiversity and Conservation Division, Siding Springs Observatory, Rural Fire Service and Transgrid is still outstanding and will be forwarded 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 issues raised. These include agriculture (consideration of the adjacent Tamworth Agricultural Institute), water (water supply, controlled activities on waterfront land and groundwater interception), and heritage (engagement with RAPs).

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), and a response to the issues raised by agencies in their advice. 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*.

Please lodge your submissions report by 9 February 2024 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 Regulations.

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

Yours sincerely,



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