

## APPENDIX A

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### Submission Register

Group	Name	Location	Response or section where issues addressed in submissions report
Agency	Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Division		Table 3 of Submissions Report Appendix K
	Crown Lands		No response required.
	DPE Hazards Team		No response required. Recommended conditions are noted.
	DPE Water		Table 3 of Submissions Report Appendix E
	DPI Agriculture		Table 3 of Submissions Report Appendix D Appendix F Appendix H
	Fire and Rescue		No response required. Recommended conditions are noted.
	Heritage NSW		Table 3 of Submissions Report
	Mining, Exploration and Geoscience		No response required.
	Rural Fire Service		No response required. Recommended conditions are noted.
	Siding Spring Observatory		No response required.
	Transport for NSW		Table 3 of Submissions Report Appendix G
Transgrid		Consultation between Equis and Transgrid (Lumea) will be ongoing. No further response required.	

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Council	Tamworth Regional Council		Table 4 of Submissions Report
Stakeholder Groups	Climate and Energy Realists Queensland	Bundall, QLD	Table 5 of Submissions Report
	GMR Energy	Sydney, NSW	Table 5 of Submissions Report
	Save Our Surroundings (SOS)	Gulgong, NSW	Table 5 of Submissions Report
Individuals	Submission 1 [Name Withheld]	Uarbry, NSW	General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation. Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.
	Submission 2 [Name Withheld]	Uarbry, NSW	General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation. Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.
	Submission 3 [John McBratney]	Lancefield, VIC	General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation. Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.
	Submission 4 [Name Withheld]	Koorringal, NSW	General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation. Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.

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	Submission 5 [Name Withheld]	Lake Albert, NSW	<p>General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation.</p> <p>Section 2.1 of the EIS.</p> <p>Section 2 of the Amendment Report.</p>
	Submission 6 [Janet Norton]	Armidale, NSW	<p>General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation.</p> <p>Section 2.1 of the EIS.</p> <p>Section 2 of the Amendment Report.</p>
	Submission 7 [Name Withheld]	Warrawee, NSW	<p>General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation.</p> <p>Section 2.1 of the EIS.</p> <p>Section 2 of the Amendment Report.</p> <p>Appendix F</p>
	Submission 8 [Sally Edwards]	Coolah, NSW	<p>Appendix F</p> <p>Appendix G</p> <p>Appendix H</p> <p>Appendix I</p> <p>Appendix J</p> <p>Appendix K</p>
	Submission 9 [A Carins]	Guyra, NSW	<p>General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation.</p> <p>Section 2.1 of the EIS.</p>

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			Section 2 of the Amendment Report.
	Submission 10 [Name Withheld]	Forestville, NSW	<p>General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation.</p> <p>Section 2.1 of the EIS.</p> <p>Section 2 of the Amendment Report.</p> <p>Appendix F</p>
	Submission 11 [Billie Spanswick]	Calala, NSW	Table 6 of the Submissions Report.
	Submission 12 [Name Withheld]	Dee Why, NSW	<p>The concerns regarding the cost to facilitate the energy transition and the economic benefits of traditional energy generation methods are outside the remit of this project. The concerns raised are addressed in the following:</p> <p>Section 2.1 of the EIS.</p> <p>Section 2 of the Amendment Report.</p> <p>Appendix C of Amendment Report – Amended Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Appendix H</p> <p>Appendix K</p>
	Submission 13 [Name Withheld]	Collaroy, NSW	Appendix K
	Submission 14 [Name Withheld]	Mayfield West, NSW	<p>Table 4 (Decommissioning)</p> <p>Appendix H</p>
	Submission 15 [Name Withheld]	Old Toongabbie, NSW	<p>Appendix F</p> <p>The wider issues mentioned regarding cobalt mining, and wind and solar generation, while important, are beyond the remit of this project.</p>

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	Submission 16 [Name Withheld]	Coolah, NSW	General comment addressed throughout the EIS and Amendment Report with reference to strategic planning policy and documentation. Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.
	Submission 17 [Name Withheld]	Coolah, NSW	Appendix F
	Submission 18 [Name Withheld]	Dee Why, NSW	Appendix K Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.
	Submission 19 [Name Withheld]	Gulgong, NSW	While the concerns raised regarding cobalt mining, thought serious, exceed the scope of this project. Equis is committed to selecting suppliers that adhere to the highest ethical standards. Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.
	Submission 20 [Name Withheld]	Gulgong, NSW	While the concerns raised regarding cobalt mining, thought serious, exceed the scope of this project. Equis is committed to selecting suppliers that adhere to the highest ethical standards. Appendix F Table 5
	Submission 21 [Ian McDonald]	Walcha, NSW	This submission relates to solar components of the projects and/or solar farms. However, no solar components are proposed in this application. As such, this submission is not relevant to the development.
	Submission 22 [John Sissons]	Calala, NSW	Table 6 of the Submissions Report.

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	Submission 23 [Name Withheld]	Mollyan, NSW	Appendix C of Amendment Report – Amended Mitigation Measures Appendix F Appendix J Appendix K
	Submission 24 [Name Withheld]	Mollyan, NSW	Section 2.1 of the EIS. Section 2 of the Amendment Report.

Theme/Issue	Submissions	Response Summary
Destruction of Property Values and Lifestyles	1, 2, 8, 23	The impact of the project on the “way of life” in the community is substantially and comprehensively addressed in Social Impact Assessment prepared by Urbis submitted as Appendix U of the EIS. Various mitigation measures are proposed to reduce impact on the local community including perimeter landscaping along the northern and western boundaries, specific colour palette choices for structures, and the implementation of lighting design principles.
Inadequacy of Renewable Energy Transition	3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 24	The concerns regarding the cost to facilitate the energy transition to renewable energy, as well as consideration of alternative energy sources (including nuclear), are outside the remit of this project. BESS storage technology generally, and this project specifically, aligns with the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, NSW Electricity Strategy, and the AEMO 2022 Integrated System Plan to aid in ‘firming’ the electrical grid. On balance, the project will positively align with the State’s envisaged energy mix and assist in ‘firming’ to the National Electricity Market.
Economic and Ethical Concerns (Cobalt Mining, Labor)	3, 4, 15, 19, 20	While the concerns raised regarding cobalt mining are indeed serious and deserve attention, it is an issue that exceeds the scope of this project. It is further noted that the applicant is committed to selecting suppliers that adhere to the highest ethical standards.
Health and Environmental Hazards	8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 20, 24	The Preliminary Hazard Analysis submitted as Appendix R of the EIS found that the project is not considered ‘potentially hazardous’ with regard to a range of considerations including EMF, chemical leaks, explosive gas. The analysis concluded that the storage and transport of hazardous materials will not exceed the risk screening threshold and no significant off-site impacts were identified. Rigorous safety measures are integral to the project’s design and operation, ensuring compliance with the highest safety standards and mitigating potential risks to the community and environment.
Insurance and Fire Risk	4, 7, 20, 23	The Preliminary Hazard Analysis submitted as Appendix R of the EIS found that the risk of fire is “very low”, and that no off-site impact is expected because the BESS is situated in a rural area with significant separation distance to the nearest sensitive receptor. The BESS is designed in accordance with the relevant international/Australian Standards, will be installed to provide appropriate separation between BESS sub-units, will include fault detection and a shut-off function, and an emergency response plan will be implemented. These measures also aim to address insurance-related concerns by minimising the likelihood and potential impact of fire-related incidents.

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Visual and Landscape Impact	8, 23	The impact of the development on the landscape character of the area has been appropriately considered in the Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment submitted as Appendix N of the EIS, with mitigation measures implemented (such as a selection of appropriate colour palettes).
Water and Agricultural Concerns	8, 14, 21	<p>The value of the land for agricultural purposes is considered to be limited due to poor soil fertility, lack of a permanent water supply, and proximity to the urban area of Calala. Refer to Appendix M – Agricultural Land Capability Study of the EIS and the supplementary letters in Appendix H of this Submissions Report for further detail regarding the agricultural suitability of the site.</p> <p>With regard to water quality and management, erosion and sediment control measures are to be provided in accordance with the Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction authorised by Landcom (2004) during construction. During the operation of the BESS, a basin is provided which will prevent sediment from entering waterways. In the unlikely event of a fire causing battery rupture at the development, the leaked heavy metals mixed with firefighting water would be captured in the basin. This contaminated water would then be treated as a hazardous incident, necessitating remediation of the basin's base. However, the risk of such a fire is considered very low, as stated in the Preliminary Hazard Analysis.</p>
Social and Environmental Issues (General)	8	With the provision of noise barriers, the BESS does not exceed the relevant acoustic thresholds for nearby residential receivers, dust during construction will be suppressed using water, and outdoor lighting will comply with AS 4284 1997 – Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting to minimise light spill onto sensitive receivers. The project will provide up to 170 jobs during construction and up to seven jobs for the ongoing operation, resulting in positive economic impacts.
Flora and Fauna	8, 12, 13, 16, 18, 23	Biodiversity impacts are avoided through selection of a site that minimises distances to the Tamworth substation thereby reducing the amount of underground transmission line required, as well as by avoiding impacts to vegetation and riparian lands wherever possible. Where avoidance and mitigation is not feasible, the impacts are offset under the Biodiversity Offset Scheme as per the requirements of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
Decommissioning	8, 20	The decommissioning of the BESS will involve the recovery of the batteries, electrical equipment, and the removal of the earthworks pad. Materials and structures, including the lithium-ion batteries, will be recycled wherever possible and in accordance with the relevant legislation at the time of decommissioning.

Compliance with Division 2.6 of the EP&A Act	8	Division 2.6 of the EP&A Act relates to community participation requirement as they relate to public authorities. The applicant is not a public authority, and as such, this division does not apply in the circumstances.
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