

# MEETING MINUTES

## CALALA BESS

Project:	Calala Battery Energy and Storage System (BESS)	Date:	11 Jan 2024
Property address:	474 Calala Lane, Calala, NSW 2340	Time:	14:00pm
Venue:	MS Teams		
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gerrit Prent (Equis)</li> <li>• Gannon Cuneo (Mecone)</li> <li>• Paul Garnett (DPI)</li> <li>• Keith Pengilley (DPI)</li> <li>• Brent Charters (DPI)</li> <li>• Derick Scholtz (DPI)</li> </ul>		
Distribution	All attendees		

### Minutes

Item	Description
1.	Introductions
2.	Equis presented a company overview
3.	Equis presented the Calala BESS project overview, location, site layout & vegetation impacts
4.	Equis confirmed SSD status and milestone dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SEARs issued 30 Jan 2023</li> <li>- EIS lodged 3 Nov 2023</li> <li>- Public exhibition commenced 16 Nov 2023</li> </ul>
5.	DPI presented their formal project submission summarising the key areas of interest including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise</li> <li>• Impact of TAI Activities on the BESS (e.g. dust &amp; crop spraying)</li> <li>• BESS impacts on TAI Activities</li> <li>• Hazard impacts on TAI</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Tamworth Agricultural Institute (TAI) presented on overview of the site and typical operations, their vision for institute and discussed specific interests relevant to the land. TAI noted there are no immediate plans for land immediately adjacent to the BESS site however the land is cropped and researchers rely on its ongoing use.</p> <p>Researchers and animals are present in the paddocks for long periods of the day and regularly graze up to the fence boundary. Animals have breached the fence in the past.</p> <p>TAI use equipment which may create dust and noted the potential impact of this on the BESS, as well as spray drift.</p> <p>TAI asked for information on the impact on workers in the fields near the BESS.</p>

	TAI identified their use of two dwellings and a conference centre on the eastern side of Marsden Park Road, but confirmed there are no dwellings on the western side of the road or near the BESS. No buildings on the TAI site are used for sleeping or are occupied at night. All buildings can be assumed to be occupied at some point during the day.
7.	Equis presented sound contours of the BESS demonstrating the BESS would not be audible from the TAI buildings near Marsden Park Road.
8.	Equis presented the proposed easements, buffer areas & asset protection zones required, confirming that all such restrictions are contained within the BESS site and along the transmission line land and therefore do not impact TAI land.
9.	Equis presented the Preliminary Hazard analysis prepared by Sherpa Consulting demonstrating that the assessment was prepared in accordance with the SEARs and complies with the State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development 1 and Applying SEPP 33 (DoP, 2011).
10.	Equis confirmed a new fence would be constructed around the BESS suitable to prevent animals from entering the site, and that dust, crop spraying and potential spray drift would not impact the BESS.
11.	Meeting closed.