

Our ref: Finley Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-72430958)

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Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Ms Allonby

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Finley Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-72430958) ended on 27 June 2025.

The Department notes that advice from Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), Transport for NSW, Berrigan Shire Council, Rural Fire Service, NSW Planning Hazards, and Water Group of DCCEEW is still outstanding and will be forwarded to you once received.

We have placed all submissions on the NSW Planning Portal at
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/finley-battery-energy-storage-system>

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 flooding (including consideration of cumulative impacts on the flood behaviour in the area, flood resilience of infrastructure and stormwater management) and agriculture (including the development and implementation of agricultural biosecurity plans).

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 15 August 2025 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.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Kumar on 9995 5804 or via email at Nicholas.Kumar@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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