

MEMO

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cc: Alison Lamond, A/Strategic Manager – Major Projects, Heritage NSW, DCCEEW

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Re: Finley Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA)

Dear Sam and Nicholas,

In response to agency advice received from Heritage NSW regarding the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the Finley Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-72430958), the following information is provided to address the matters raised.

Heritage NSW reviewed the exhibited EIS and Appendix F – ACHAR (Premise, 2025) and confirmed that no Aboriginal objects or areas of archaeological potential were identified within the study area, and that the proposed management measures were appropriate.

Notwithstanding this advice, a revised ACHA has been prepared to reflect a minor increase in the development footprint, limited solely to the inclusion of the Riverina Highway / Canalla Road / Marantellis Road intersection upgrades requested by Transport for NSW, as documented in the concurrent Submissions Report and Amendment Report. The draft revised ACHAR has been appended to these reports for review.

The revised ACHA has been issued to Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) specifically in response to the amended development footprint only, with no other changes to the project scope, construction methodology or impact pathways. Upon completion of the RAP consultation period, the final ACHAR will be submitted to the Department for review and inclusion with the Amendment Report.

This approach is consistent with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (DCCEEW, 2010) and the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (OEH, 2011).

Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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