

Our ref: Deniliquin East Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-61612229)

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Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Mr Argar

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Deniliquin East Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-61612229) ended on 11 July 2025.

The Department notes that advice from Transport for NSW and Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group 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/deniliquin-east-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 water (including water supply, take and licensing and consideration of impacts on irrigation channels), flooding, employment and workforce accommodation.

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*.

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 25 August 2025 via the NSW Planning Portal HYPERLINK "<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>" <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 Megan Ramsdale, on (02) 9407 2133 or via email at megan.ramsdale@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iwan Davies".

Iwan Davies
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary