

Our ref: Homebush Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-77443244)

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Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Ms Rockwood

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Homebush Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-77443244) ended on 21 July 2025.

The Department notes that advice from Fire & Rescue NSW and Ausgrid 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/homebush-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 biodiversity (including flooding conditions, risks, modelling and management and clarification on vegetation clearing) and hazards matters.

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 22 September 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Pragya Mathema, on 9228 6158 or via email at [pragya.mathema@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pragya.mathema@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Wynn".

Samantha Wynn

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as delegate for the Planning Secretary