

Our ref: Romani Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-67105475)

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Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Mrs Dinardo

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Romani Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-67105475) ended on 28 November 2025.

The Department notes that advice from the NSW State Emergency Service, Edward River Council and Hay Shire Council 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/romani-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:

- further information on the high-risk Oversize Overmass route assessment including submission of strategic designs, clarification on the cumulative traffic volumes assessed for the project, and amendments to the strategic concept designs prepared for the Cobb Highway / Booroorban-Tchelery Road intersection upgrade;
- further information regarding built structure within the project area;
- clarification on the discrepancies identified in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report, including evidence of consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties;
- clarification on water supply arrangements;
- revisions to the hydrology assessment and modelling, including consideration of climate change impacts;
- further consultation with Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group for the Pink-tailed Legless Lizard, and updating the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report to include a justification for the vegetation zone mapping, a description of biodiversity impacts

associated with the connection to the X5 transmission line, and additional evidence of impact avoidance and minimisation; and

- confirmation of the maximum energy storage capacity, justification for the proposed separation distances and layout of the batteries.

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 13 March 2026 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 Nicholas Kumar, on 9995 5804 or via email at nicholas.kumar@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Iwan'.

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as delegate for the Planning Secretary