

Peter Waddingham  
Advisor - Environment  
Origin Energy Eraring Pty Ltd  
Sent via Major Projects Portal

30/09/2025

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**Subject: Eraring Power Station – Long Term Ash Management Strategy**

Dear Mr Waddingham,

I refer to the Long Term Ash Management Strategy (2024-2025) (the strategy) submitted in accordance with Condition 4A.1 and 4A.2, Schedule 1 of the consent for the Eraring Power Station – Ash Dam Expansion (MP07\_0084).

I note that The Planning Secretary has previously granted an extension of time until 30 June 2026 to meet the 80% reuse or recycling goal in Condition 4A.1, Schedule 1 of the consent as described in the strategy.

I also note the strategy contains the information required by the conditions of the consent, including opportunities to further minimise ash disposal and increase the beneficial reuse of ash. The strategy also identifies that:

- around 61% of ash produced by Eraring Power Station was recycled in the reporting period;
- economic conditions and commercial arrangements, the reliability of coal quality, and various regulatory barriers continue to prevent reaching the 80% goal, consistent with previous reporting periods;
- Origin remains committed to minimising the quantity of coal ash that is sent to the ash dam, consistent with the ash reuse goal of 80% by the current approved extension until the end of the 2025-26 financial year reporting period;
- achievement of the 80% goal is possible, but remains dependent on regulatory changes, continuity of commercial arrangements, and the establishment of new markets for coal ash.

Following review of this document, I can advise that the Planning Secretary is satisfied that the document demonstrated the annual progress of the reuse and recycling of ash at Eraring Power Station and proposed initiatives to further increase the beneficial reuse of ash.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jacob Jones on (02) 4974 2715 or via email at [jacob.jones@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jacob.jones@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SOD', written in a cursive style.

**Stephen O'Donoghue**

**Director**

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary