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Dear Nicholas,

State Significant Development Application Response to Submissions Finley Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-72430958)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the State Significant Development Application Response to Submissions (RtS) Finley Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-72430958). It is understood that the amendment to the development is an increase to the development site area consisting of 1.83 ha for the inclusion of the intersection upgrades at the Riverina Highway, Canalla Road and Marantellis Road intersection. No changes are proposed to the layout or scope of works within the original 10.45 ha. The proposed Finley Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) includes:

- Installation of containerised lithium-ion phosphate batteries with a capacity of approximately 100 MWAC/ 200 MWh, with associated inverters, switchgear and a control building.
- Underground transmission cable to connect the BESS to the TransGrid Finley substation approximately 480 metres in length.
- Cabling and collector units, site office, storage area, internal access tracks, on-site parking, security fencing and temporary construction laydown area; and
- Construction of new heavy vehicle site access from Canalla Road and light vehicle accesses to Broockmanns Road.

We have reviewed the following documents provided as part of the preparation of our advice.

- Gransolar Development, 2026. Amendment Report Finley Battery Energy Storage System
- Gransolar Development, 2026. Finley Battery Energy Storage System Schedule of Drawings

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is the agency responsible for dealing with floods, storms and tsunami in NSW. This role includes planning for, responding to and coordinating

the initial recovery from floods. As such, the NSW SES has an interest in the public safety aspects of the development of flood prone land, particularly the potential for changes to land use to either exacerbate existing flood risk or create new flood risk for communities in NSW.

We note the proposal has considered flooding issues in accordance with the requirements of NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy as set out in the [Flood Risk Management Manual 2023](#) (the Manual) and supporting guidelines, including the [Support for Emergency Management Planning](#) and relevant planning circulars and directions under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*, including 4.1 Flooding and PS24-001.

We also refer to our previous advice dated 24 June 2025 including Attachment A and meeting 7 August 2025 and appreciate the flooding issues raised are addressed at Appendix B Updated Statutory Compliance Table, Table 7¹ including the preparation of a Flood Impact Assessment (FIA) being prepared as an addition to the Water Impact Assessment.

Please feel free to contact Gillian Webber via email at rra@ses.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this correspondence. The NSW SES would also be interested in receiving future correspondence regarding the outcome of this referral via this email address.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Gransolar Development, 2026. Amendment Report Finley Battery Energy Storage System pages 21, 44.