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Dear Liz,

State Significant Development Application for RTS Deniliquin East Battery Energy Storage System

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the State Significant Development Application for RTS Deniliquin East Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located at 21356 Riverina Highway, Deniliquin.

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

- Urbis, 2026, Response to Submissions Report
- Water Technology, 2025, Flood Impact and Risk Assessment Report

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is the agency responsible for dealing with floods, storms and tsunamis 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 refer to our previous correspondence dated 10 July 2025 and 8 October 2025. We note and appreciate the consideration of NSW SES advice and have no further comment at this time.

Please feel free to contact Kate Dawes 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elspeth O'Shannessy'.

Elspeth O'Shannessy
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