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Advice on Response to Submission & Amendment Report– State Significant Development

Proposal: Finley Battery Energy Storage System

Major Project reference: SSD-72430958

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Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice for the above State Significant Development Response to Submissions (RTS) & Amendment Report. Thank you for the continued opportunity to comment.

Heritage NSW's advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) agreed with the management recommendations in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) and included recommended draft Conditions of Consent (Advice dated 25 June 2025; ref: HMS 10592).

Since the provision of our earlier advice, we understand that the project footprint has been expanded to accommodate intersection upgrades at the Riverina Highway, Canalla Road and Marantellis Road, following consultation with Transport for NSW. A revised ACHAR (Rev 001F; dated 23 February 2026), prepared by Premise, has been submitted as Appendix F to the Amendment Report and includes the results of additional survey and assessment of the expanded project footprint along with additional consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs). The revised assessment concludes that the amendment does not result in any new or additional impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage and the management measures outlined at the EIS stage remain applicable.

Heritage NSW agrees with the outcomes of the revised ACHAR and has no further comments on the proposal.

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Marika Low, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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