



Your ref: SSD 50587460  
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Dear Nicholas

**Subject: Panorama Battery and Energy Storage System - SSD 50587460**

Thank you for your Major Projects Portal request dated 24 February 2026 seeking comment from the Conservation Programs, Heritage & Regulation Group (CPHR) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on the Response to Amendment 2 for Panorama Battery and Energy Storage System.

We have reviewed the response against CPHR's advice provided on 24 February 2026. The issue relating to Plant Community Type (PCT) 3387 has been resolved.

The Bathurst earless dragon (*Tympanocryptis mccartneyi*) cannot be removed from assessment based on habitat quality. The project site is within approximately 7 km of records which include highly modified habitats. We recommend targeted surveys be conducted for the Bathurst earless dragon, or alternatively, the species should be assumed present, or an expert report should be obtained.

We consider the Updated Surface and Groundwater Assessment (2 February 2026) suitable to redirect the overland flow paths around the proposed infrastructure. No further action is required.

All plans required as a Condition of Approval that relate to biodiversity, flooding or coastal management should be developed in consultation with, and to the satisfaction of, CPHR.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact our North Planning Team at [rog.nw@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rog.nw@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours Sincerely

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