

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)  
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Attention: Jess Watson

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**Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (SSI-77018220) – Environmental Impact Statement – DPIRD Agriculture and Biosecurity Advice**

Dear Ms Watson,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) package for the proposed Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (SSI-77018220).

Agriculture plays a vital role in supporting state, regional, and local economies and in strengthening the social bonds and character of rural communities. The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Biosecurity (the Department) collaborates with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive, sustainable use, and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department's advice is guided by section 4.15(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*, which requires a consent authority to evaluate a project's potential environmental, social, and economic impacts, as well as the public interest. Sections 1.3(a) and (i) of the *EP&A Act* emphasise facilitating ecologically sustainable development in land use decision-making and promoting responsible resource management that benefits present and future generations.

We have reviewed the EIS and associated documents, and make the following comments:

- The Lakeside Camp temporary workers accommodation option is noted in the Traffic Impact Assessment as preferable for reducing ongoing traffic impacts throughout the construction phase. While designs for the site are currently only indicative, the EIS package notes that there are opportunities for implementation of buffers within the development site to reduce other land use conflict risk with neighbouring properties including agricultural activities. Use of buffers is supported as a key means of reducing this risk.
- It is noted and supported that development of a Biosecurity Management Plan will have explicit consideration of risks to surrounding agricultural lands, in addition to natural areas.

- As extensive livestock agriculture persists in the locality, relevant environmental management plans (including the Biosecurity Management Plan, Traffic Management Plans and Workforce Management Plan) should consider potential interactions with and impacts to livestock.

Should you require clarification on any of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [landuse.ag@dpird.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.ag@dpird.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Milo Kelly', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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