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Corowa BESS - SSD-87041214

Dear Pragya

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Corowa BESS – SSD-87041214.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Agriculture and Biosecurity (the Department) collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department has reviewed the EIS and associated documents for how they have considered and addressed the potential impact of the proposed development on agricultural land and agricultural production in the locality. It is noted that the EIS has generally provided information for assessing impacts to land, soils and agriculture and a Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment (LUCRA) has been prepared.

However the range of management strategies and plans required to mitigate land and agricultural impacts as described in section 6.10 are not reflected in the tables of mitigation measures except for the decommissioning and rehabilitation stages. At the very least the table of mitigation measures should include a specific commitment for the development and ongoing implementation of agricultural biosecurity plans for the construction and operation stages, prepared in consultation with the landowner and Local Land Services.

Any subdivision into lots below the Minimum Lot Size (MLS) should not result in new dwelling eligibilities.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me at landuse.ag@dpird.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely

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Esigned 11-5-2026

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