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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Corowa Battery Energy Storage System

Major Project reference: SSD-87041214

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Dear Pragya,

Thank you for seeking advice from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal. In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of *Environmental Impact Statement Corowa Battery Energy Storage System* (EIS) - prepared by NGH, dated 6 March 2026.

Heritage NSW notes that the proposed works will not directly impact any items listed on the State Heritage Register, and that no areas of archaeological potential have been identified by the assessment.

As the proposed intersection upgrade works are in close proximity to a local heritage item, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

We have no further comments on the proposal at this time, and have included recommended draft conditions of approval for the project in **Attachment A**.

Please note that this advice relates only to environmental heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment A - Recommended draft conditions of approval for environmental heritage, Corowa Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-87041214)

Below are our recommended draft conditions for the protection of environmental heritage.

Standard conditions

1. All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid harm, modification of or impact to heritage items and relics except as authorised by this approval.
2. Ensure workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions.

Unexpected finds procedure

3. A procedure for the management of unexpected relics and human remains must be developed in consultation with Heritage NSW. This procedure must:
 - a. be prepared in accordance with Heritage NSW guidelines and codes of practice.
 - b. include a hold point requiring the development of a detailed historical archaeological assessment in the event an unexpected relic is identified.
 - i. The archaeological assessment must be prepared in accordance with the guideline *Archaeological Assessments* (1996) and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics* (2009) to inform and guide archaeological mitigation measures.
 - ii. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an Archaeological Research Design and Excavation Methodology with a nominated Excavation Director should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage program.
 - iii. The Archaeological Assessment must be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for approval in consultation with Heritage NSW.
 - c. be implemented for the duration of the project.