



Your ref: SSD-72430958

Our ref: DOC26-326982

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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure - NSW Planning Group

Via Major Projects Portal: PAE-126788738

Dear Rachael

Subject: Finley Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-72430958) RTS RFI

Thank you for your email dated 9 June 2026 seeking advice from the Conservation Planning and Assessment (CPA) Branch of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on a Request for Information (RFI) response.

We have reviewed the RFI response against CPA's advice on the Response to Submissions (RTS) provided to you on 19 February 2026.

The issues relating to biodiversity have been resolved. We are satisfied with the responses provided in the RFI and the commitment to preparing the Biodiversity Management Plan with the recommendations provided in CPA's advice, as per Table 5 of the RFI response.

All plans required as a Condition of Approval that relate to biodiversity should be developed in consultation with, and to the satisfaction of CPA, particularly the Environmental Management Plan and the Biodiversity Management Plan. New and updated mitigation measures are to be included in these plans.

This advice does not include coast, estuary and flood management advice, which should be referred to Marine Coastal Estuary and Flood at mcef.planning@dcceew.nsw.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this advice, please contact Mel Cotterill, Principal Conservation Planning Officer, via planning.southwest@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 6022 0614.

Yours sincerely

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