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Attention: Natasha Homsey

### **No Comment to Planning Advice Request**

Dear Ms Homsey,

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-24988975), requesting input from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the SEARs for the proposed Armidale Battery Energy Storage System (Application SSD-23515853) at 89 Eathorpe Road, Armidale NSW.

The proposal is for:

- The construction and operation of a battery energy storage system (BESS) with an estimated capacity of up to 150 MW/ 300 MWh; and
- Associated infrastructure, including connection into the Armidale substation

Based on the information provided, the proposal does not appear to require an environment protection licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Furthermore, the EPA understands that the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW Public Authority nor are the proposed activities, other activities for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.

In view of these factors, the EPA has no comments to provide on this project and no follow-up consultation is required.

Armidale Regional Council should be consulted as the appropriate regulatory authority for the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* in relation to the proposal.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Lindsay Fulloon on (02) 6773 7000 or via email at [armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindsay Fulloon', written over a horizontal line.

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