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Dear Mr Robinson

**Eraring Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-15950052)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

I refer to your email of 17 November 2021 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

This project is the development of a standalone 700 MW battery storage system and ancillary infrastructure. The following recommendations are provided by DPIE Water and NRAR.

Prior to Determination

- The proposed substation and battery storage system requires the removal of two mapped first order watercourses. The proponent should provide detail of the characteristics of the riparian corridor in the two first order watercourses that will be removed and an impact assessment to the downstream environment. This is to ensure compliance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NRAR 2018) and to determine if any mitigation measures should be put in place.

Post Approval

- Should groundwater be intercepted a Water Access Licence (WAL) under the *Water Management Act 2000* must be obtained unless the take is less than or equal to 3ML of water per year for any aquifer interference activities listed in Clause 7 of Schedule 4 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*. For more information visit <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/nrar/how-to-apply/water-licences/Groundwater> .
- Stormwater management within the project site should be designed to ensure no increase in peak discharge velocity to mitigate potential erosion impacts downstream.

Any further referrals to DPIE Water and NRAR can be sent by email to water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au or to the following coordinating officer within DPIE Water:

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Yours sincerely

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