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**WaterNSW response to Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)
Wallerawang Battery Storage System (BESS) Project**

WaterNSW appreciates the opportunity to review the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Wallerawang Battery Storage System (BESS) Project.

WaterNSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Arcadis (dated 20 January 2022).

As the development is located within the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment, clauses 9(1), 9(2) and 10(1) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011* (Now Chapter 8 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*) (the SEPP) apply.

WaterNSW notes that the Water Quality Assessment – NorBE Report and associated MUSIC stormwater quality modelling demonstrate a Neutral or Beneficial Effects (NorBE) on water quality. However, WaterNSW considers that the proposed stormwater management measures may not be sustainable for long-term maintenance and management for such a large asset. WaterNSW suggests that stormwater management measures specific to land-use and development shall be considered during the detailed design stage in consultation with WaterNSW.

WaterNSW requests the following documents are prepared in consultation with Water NSW:

- detailed stormwater management plan for a long-term sustainable stormwater management
- management and maintenance of the stormwater management measures as a part of the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP), and
- Conceptual Soil and Water Management Plan(s) for the Construction Phase of the project.

Water NSW also requests to remain as a stakeholder in any further assessment and consultation on this project.

If you wish to discuss further, please contact Juri Jung via email at environmental.assessments@watnsw.com.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daryl Gilchrist".

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