

Our ref: HMS ID 833

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Dear Mr Robinson

Notice of Exhibition of application for Wallerawang Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-14540514)

Thank you for your referral dated 17 February 2022 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development proposal.

The proposed SSD site is in the vicinity of State Heritage Register item *Wallerawang rail bridges over Cox's River* (SHR no. 01064).

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

 Historical Archaeology Assessment and Statement of Heritage Impact Wallerawang BESS- Greenspot by NGH Consulting dated October 2021

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

- The identified sandstone culvert assessed as having local level significance in the SOHI may potentially have higher level significance therefore it is vital that any impact on the culvert is avoided. Recommendation 1 of the SOHI should be implemented to ensure there is no impact during construction works, including vibrations. A structural engineer should be consulted in early stages of project planning, prior to approval, to assess risks and advise on measures to avoid impact.
- Recommendations (2, 3 & 4) of the SOHI should also be implemented to manage impact.

As local heritage items are affected by the proposal, advice should be sought from the relevant local council, including potential for listing of culvert on the LEP.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Rajat Chaudhary, Senior Assessments Officer, at Heritage NSW on 02 9873 8521 or Rajat.Chaudhary@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
25 February 2022