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Subject: Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) - Broken Hill Battery Energy Storage System Modification 1 (SSD-11437498-Mod-1) (Broken Hill City)
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Dear Kurtis,

Thank you for your referral to Heritage NSW on 22 March 2022, in relation to a Modification Application and Report for the Broken Hill Battery Energy Storage System Modification 1 (SSD-11437498-Mod-1), with respect to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH). Heritage NSW has reviewed the *Broken Hill Battery Energy Storage System - Modification Report, AECOM Australia Pty Ltd, 22 Feb 2022*, and makes the following comments.

Heritage NSW notes that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) was completed to support the EIS for the approved SSD. As part of the assessment, a field team of two AECOM heritage specialists and RAPs representatives completed the archaeological survey within the site and transmission connection on Wednesday 20 January 2021. No Aboriginal archaeological sites or areas of Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) were identified during the survey.

Heritage NSW understands that to support the application for the modification, a separate ACHAR was produced, focusing on the modification area and proposed option to install the transmission connection belowground between the site and the substation site. Heritage NSW notes that a two day program of archaeological test excavation was completed across the modification area on 17-18 November 2021. A field team of three AECOM heritage specialists and RAP representatives completed the archaeological survey across the modification area. A total of 11 Aboriginal artefacts were identified during the archaeological survey, which was assessed to be of low scientific significance, both on the basis of the low artefact density and the disturbed context. Archaeological test excavation was also undertaken with 10 x 0.25 m² test pits excavated at 10 m intervals along the transmission connection corridor. Originally, 17 test pits were proposed at 20 m intervals along the corridor, however, during the archaeological survey significant ground surface disturbances, as a result, 10 test pits were ultimately excavated within the corridor. Heritage NSW notes that this reduction discussed with and supported by RAPs on site. No Aboriginal artefacts were identified during the test excavation program.

The ACHAR recommends that all surface artefacts present be relocated to an area nearby that would not be impacted by the modification. Movement of the artefacts prior to impact is considered to result in a partial loss of value of the site with its original context being destroyed but with the objects themselves not impacted. Artefact relocation would be undertaken by a qualified archaeologist and appropriate number of RAP field representatives with the RAPs determining the final artefact location. Where necessary the management and mitigation measures agreed as part of the approved Project have been updated.

Heritage NSW is satisfied that the additional ACHAR, field survey and test excavation program undertaken, has adequately investigated and assessed the Aboriginal cultural heritage values in relation to the proposed modification, and as such, has no additional concerns with the modification proceeding. Please contact me directly should you require any additional information. I shall upload this email to the MPP this evening.

Kind Regards

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