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Dear Mr Crinnion

Advice on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for SSD – 10807896, Thunderbolt Wind Farm, Tamworth Regional and Uralla Shire

Thank you for referring the EIS for the above State Significant Development (SSD) to Heritage NSW for comment. We understand this SSD relates to the proposed Thunderbolt Wind Farm located within the Tamworth Regional Council and Uralla Shire Council Local Government Areas, New South Wales.

HNSW have reviewed the following documentation prepared to support the project:

- the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), dated March 2022, prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited; and
- the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), dated March 2022 prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited.

HNSW is satisfied that the supplied documentation has mostly identified and assessed the impact of the proposal on any Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) values within the development area, in accordance with the SEARs for the project. We note that test excavations will be undertaken in areas of archaeological potential prior to the submission of the Response to Submissions Report which will further inform management requirements. We look forward to reviewing the results of the test excavations at this stage.

HNSW supports the archaeological recommendations provided in the ACHAR including the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties and the outlined mitigation measures.

Please note: the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. You may wish to seek separate advice from Heritage NSW in relation to matters under the *Heritage Act 1977*.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact Kym McNamara, Senior Assessments Officer, at Heritage NSW on (02) 6229 7028 or via email at kym.mcnamara@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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