

Department of Planning and Environment

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Email:

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Subject: Waratah Super Battery Energy Storage System (SSI-48492458) – Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr Cannon

I refer to your request for advice sent on 10 November 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

The project is for an approximate 700-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system, connecting transmission and related infrastructure to connect to the grid and other ancillary infrastructure and services required for the project.

DPE Water has assessed the EIS and requests clarification on the water supply for the project, and that any works within waterfront land show due consideration to the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land. Further details are provided in Attachment A.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact DPE Water Assessments water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au or to the following coordinating officer within DPE Water:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Rogers".

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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPE Planning & Assessment regarding the Waratah Super Battery Energy Storage System (SSI-48492458) – Environmental Impact Statement

1.0 Water Supply

1.1 Recommendation – Prior to Determination

The proponent should provide clarification of the ability to obtain the necessary water volumes from the site or confirm a viable supply is available for the supply, via an indication of an agreement from a water supplier.

Explanation

Insufficient information has been provided to confirm access to a secure water supply for the project. The EIS estimated 30.5ML will be required during the construction period. Deferring finding a sustainable water supply to post determination is not recommended as it can pose a risk if this supply cannot be found.

2.0 Controlled Activities

2.1 Recommendation – Post Approval

Works within waterfront land need to show due consideration to the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land.

Explanation

Should new outlets into nearby watercourses be required due consideration should be shown to the Guidelines for Controlled Activities.

End Attachment A
