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Nestor Tsambos Department of Planning - Energy Assessments

Via Major Projects Portal

Wellington South Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-27014706) No Comment on Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr Tsambos

I refer to your invitation to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to provide comment on the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Construction and operation of a battery energy storage system at 6773 and 6909 Goolma Road, Wuuluman.

Based on the information provided, the EPA has no comment on this proposal and no further consultation is required. This is because:

- the proposal does not constitute a Scheduled Activity under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act* (1997) and so, will not require an Environment Protection Licence under this Act,
- the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW Public Authority, nor are there activities for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.
- the site is not being regulated by the EPA under the *Contaminated Land Management Act* (1997).

The EPA recommends you consult with Dubbo Regional Council who will be the appropriate regulatory authority for the proposed development under the POEO Act if approved.

Please contact Heidi Naylor on 02 6640 255. or email <u>environmentprotection.planning@epa.nsw.gov.au</u> if you wish to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely

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