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Attention: Jai Reid

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Upper Hunter Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-61707209) - Advice on SEARS**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the SEARS for the above State Significant Development.

Upper Hunter Shire Council has reviewed the proposal and recommends that the following assessment requirements be included in the SEARS for the proposed development:

1. Social Impact Assessment
2. Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment
3. Traffic Impact Assessment
4. Bushfire Risk Assessment
5. Risk Screening Assessment
6. Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR)
7. Surface Water Assessment
8. Soil and Water Management Plan
9. Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment
10. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
11. Waste Management Plan
12. Visual Impact Assessment
13. Air Quality Impact Assessment
14. Cumulative Impact Assessment
15. Workforce & Accommodation Strategy
16. Project decommissioning and site rehabilitation plan
17. Consideration of the Upper Hunter Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement and Upper Hunter Land Use Strategy 2017.

**All correspondence to:**

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Please do not hesitate to contact Mathew Pringle, Director Environmental & Community Services, should you have any questions regarding the above requirements.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Pringle', with a stylized, flowing script.

**MAT PRINGLE**  
**DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES**