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The Planning Officer
Energy Resource Industry Assessments
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

By Major Projects Portal

Dear Mr Mathema

Thank you for your request for advice from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the draft Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for the proposed Gol Gol Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located approximately 10km north east of Mildura in the local government area (LGA) of Wentworth (SSD-70893706).

The EPA notes that the proposal consists of:

- Up to a 1,500 MW / 12 GWH Battery Energy Storage System (BESS); and
- Transmission, ancillary and temporary infrastructure.

The EPA has responsibilities for pollution control and environmental management for scheduled activities under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the Act). Based on the information provided, the proposal does not appear to require an environment protection licence under the Act. Furthermore, the EPA understands that the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of an NSW Public Authority nor are the proposed activities other activities for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.

In view of the information provided, the EPA advise that the draft SEARS appear to be adequate and we have no further comment to provide.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact myself by telephoning 6983 4918 or by electronic mail at info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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