

LGS: Development



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Dear Carl,

**Proposed State Significant Development (SSD-50903958) Mt Piper Battery Energy Storage System**

Reference is made to your email notice received 29 May 2024 with respect to the Mt Piper Battery Energy Storage System State Significant Development (SSD-50903958) and your request for submissions concerning the project.

Council notes that the Project involves the construction and operation of a large-scale Battery Energy Storage System consisting of up to 500 Megawatts (MW) and associated infrastructure including grid connection.

Council considers the Environmental Assessment adequately highlights the relevant issues and has no objection to the project.

However, as Council previously advised in the SEARS response dated 5 December 2022, Council would welcome the opportunity to enter a Planning Agreement with the Proponent.

Council is currently considering its policy framework for all planning agreements involving major project developments. The policy review will also consider how planning agreements interact with potential future land rating policy options and other revenue policy considerations.

Council is therefore not in a position at this to provide a response at this time. Should the Department, nonetheless, wish to finalise the Application, Council submits that a condition be imposed requiring the Proponent:

1. enter into a Planning Agreement for the provision of community/public facilities and/or infrastructure with Council on such terms as may be agreed by no later than a prescribed date, or in the alternative,
2. enter into a Planning Agreement for the provision of community/public facilities and/or infrastructure with Council on terms no less favourable than those offered by the Proponent in its letter to Council of 12 April 2024 no later than a prescribed date.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Stevens who is available Monday to Friday on (02) 63549999, in Council's Development Department should you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Elwood', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shaun Elwood

**Director People & Places**