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Dear Pragya,

Calala BESS – Amendment Report, Response to Submissions and draft Development Consent

I refer to your request via the NSW Planning Portal dated 5 June 2023 to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Group (BCS) of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW DCCEE) inviting comments on an Amendment Report (AR), the Response to Submissions (RTS), and the draft Development Consent (DC) for the Calala Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

BCS sought additional information from the accredited assessor to support our review of certain portions of the development footprint that had been allocated as Category 1 lands. This additional information was provided to BCS on 25 June 2024.

We note that the footprint has been amended and an updated Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared. Following the review of all the information provided, BCS is satisfied that the minimum requirements of the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) have been met and that the issues raised in our response dated 15 December 2023 have been addressed.

BCS has reviewed the draft DC and confirm that the biodiversity credits reflected in condition B12 accurately reflect the credits calculated for the project. We have no further comment on the draft DC.

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact David Geering, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, via david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6885 0335.

Yours sincerely,

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