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Subject: Panorama Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-50587460) – Environmental Impact Statement

Dear James,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 17 July 2024 to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

The proposed development is for the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of a BESS with a capacity of 100 MW, 200 MWh adjacent to the existing 132 kV substation operated by TransGrid.

NSW DCCEEW Water Group has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement and has recommendations regarding water supply. Please see **Attachment A** for more detail.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact the Water Assessments team at [water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brownbill".

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## Attachment A

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### Detailed advice to DPHI Planning & Assessment regarding the Panorama Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-50587460) – Environmental Impact Statement

#### 1.0 Water supply, take and licensing

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##### 1.1 Recommendation – pre-determination

The proponent should clarify the ability to obtain a secure water supply for the project, and confirm relevant agreements are in place where required.

##### Explanation

The preferred option to meet the project's water demands (maximum approximately 7.3 ML/year during the construction phase) is to cart water from water supply stations managed by Bathurst Regional Council. An agreed arrangement with Bathurst Regional Council is requested that demonstrates the Project's construction and operation water demands can be met using this option, and that alternative water supply arrangements, which may need to be licensed under the *Water Management Act 2000*, are not required.

End Attachment A

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