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## Temora BESS - SEARs

Dear Ewan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft SEARs for the proposed Temora Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - SSD77827959.

NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) collaborates with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department has reviewed the draft SEARs and the commitments made in the Scoping Report, with regard biosecurity, agricultural impacts and undertaking a LUCRA. While these requirements should be appropriate to cover some issues associated with the project for agriculture, the SEARs should also include:

- Any proposed subdivision resulting in lots that is smaller than the minimum lot size should not create additional dwelling entitlements.
- A pest and weed management plan should address specific biosecurity, weed and pest impacts relating to agriculture and associated industries in the vicinity of the proposal.
- Rehabilitation plans during and post construction should detail appropriate groundcover management using locally native species to limit dust and other land use conflict issues.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Sincerely

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