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Input to SEARs – State Significant Development

Proposal: Bannaby Battery Energy Storage System

Major Project reference: SSD-78810458

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Dear Ewan,

Thank you for your referral inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

There are no sites listed on the State Heritage Register within the proposed SSD site or its immediate vicinity. An inspection undertaken to inform the *Bannaby Battery Energy Storage System Scoping Report* (GHD 2024) identified one unlisted twin grave site within the SSD site, and the potential for additional grave sites to be present.

It is recommended that the draft heritage SEARs are amended to the following:

Heritage and archaeology

1. A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant in accordance with the *Guidelines for preparing Statements of Heritage Impact*. The SOHI is to address the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance of the site and adjacent areas and is to identify the following:
 - a. all heritage items (state and local) within the vicinity of the site including built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, detailed mapping of these items, and assessment of why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance.
 - b. the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual impacts.

- c. the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance or cultural heritage values of the site and the surrounding heritage items.
 - d. justification for any changes to the heritage fabric or landscape elements including any options analysis.
2. An historical archaeological assessment prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist in accordance with the guidelines Archaeological Assessments and Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics. This assessment should identify what relics, if any, are likely to be present, assess their significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential archaeological resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage programme.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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