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Molong Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (SSD-80471210) – Request for SEARs

Dear Ms Hatem,

Thank you for your referral dated 4 March 2025, requesting WaterNSW's input into the SEARs for the above project. It is understood that the proposal is to establish a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (150-Megawatt (MW) / 730 Megawatt hours (MWh)), consisting of a maximum of 264 batteries, that will connect to the electricity grid at the existing Transgrid Molong 132/66 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Substation (TS), via a new overhead transmission line (TL) (approximately 900m).

WaterNSW notes that the subject site is not located near any WaterNSW land or assets.

WaterNSW has reviewed the project Scoping Report (SR) and draft SEARs and considers that the proposal as demonstrated in the SR is unlikely to impact on any WaterNSW land, assets or infrastructure, and has no specific comment to make at this stage. We believe that the provided draft SEARs are expected to cover the required environmental assessment components.

WaterNSW would appreciate being advised when the EIS is exhibited, and requests that the Department continues to consult with WaterNSW for any development that may impact on our assets, infrastructure or land, using the email address Environmental.Assessments@waternsw.com.au.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Justine Clarke at justine.clarke@waternsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Kniha", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ALISON KNIHA
Environmental Planning Assessments & Approvals Manager