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Subject: Wattle Creek Battery Energy Storage System

Dear Sir/Madam

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands has reviewed the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed project.

There are multiple Crown roads, including Crown roads with enclosure permits within the proposed development area. Please refer to the attached map, where Crown roads are shown by red outline and Crown roads with enclosure permits are shown by yellow outline. Any Crown road required for access to the development/proposal, will need to be transferred to Council, or application made to close and purchase the roads. As authority to access or use Crown roads is required prior to the commencement of any works or access, and to avoid any delays for the proposal, a tenure may be required in the interim. More information regarding Crown roads and Enclosure permits can be found at the following links: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/access/roads> and

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/enclosure-permits>

If any infrastructure (such as pipelines and/or electricity transmission lines) is expected to traverse Crown land, roads and/or waterways, an easement over said Crown land, roads and/or waterways will be required for protection of the infrastructure. To discuss easement requirements, please contact the Acquisitions Team at the earliest opportunity at: cl.acquisitions@crowland.nsw.gov.au. Information regarding the easement process is available at the below link:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/protection-and-management/easements>. As the easement process may be lengthy, it is also recommended that the proponent apply for a licence for each Crown road as soon as possible. A licence will temporarily authorise use and access for the infrastructure to traverse Crown roads whilst the easement applications are being processed. Details on how to apply for a licence are available at the below link:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/licences-leases-and-permits/apply-or-manage-licence>

In respect of any proposed impacts on the Crown waterway (Wollondilly River), it should be noted Crown Lands is unaware of any information that suggests native title has been extinguished at this time. If the project proposes any use of the waterway, it will be

necessary for the proponents to demonstrate that native title has been extinguished, or seek a determination under s24A of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* to extinguish native title in the circumstances. Information regarding Native Title can be found at the below link:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/protection-and-management/aboriginal-land-rights-and-native-title/native-title>

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Tia Galvin, Property Services Officer in Crown Lands, on 02 4824 3731 or at tia.galvin@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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