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Finley BESS - SSD-72430958

Dear Samantha

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Finley BESS – SSD-72430958.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Agriculture and Biosecurity (the Department) collaborates and partners 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 EIS and associated documents for how they have considered and addressed the potential impact of the proposed development on agricultural land and agricultural production in the locality. It is noted that an Agricultural Impact Assessment and a Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment (LUCRA) have been completed.

However the range of comments within the documents regard agricultural biosecurity and site decommissioning and rehabilitation are confusing. There should be a specific commitment for removal of all above and below ground infrastructure upon decommissioning to ensure the potential for irrigated cropping is reinstated. Similarly there should be a specific commitment for the development and ongoing implementation of agricultural biosecurity plans for construction and operation, developed in consultation with the landowner and Local Land Services.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me at landuse.ag@dpird.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely

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Signed 23 June 2025