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Deniliquin East BESS - SSD-61612229

Dear Megan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Deniliquin East BESS – SSD-61612229.

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 there is not consistent coverage of how agricultural biosecurity at the site and in the vicinity (especially with regard irrigation canals) will be managed. There are some mitigation measures identified under **Soil - Mitigation commitments** but these are not reflected in the EIS or in **Appendix E Mitigation Measures**.

Specific commitments for managing agricultural biosecurity risks (weeds, pests and pathogens) during construction, operation and decommissioning are required through the development and ongoing implementation of agricultural biosecurity plans, in consultation with the landowner, Murray Irrigation and Local Land Services. These commitments should be incorporated into the EIS and the table of mitigation measures.

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 2 July 2025