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Kiar Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-86051481) SEARs - Central Coast

Dear Ms Vogel,

Thank you for your referral dated 17 June 2025 seeking WaterNSW's input into the SEARs for the above project. It is understood that the proposal located at Hue Hue Road Kiar (Central Coast) will involve the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Kiar Energy Storage System (the Project), which is a grid scale battery energy storage system (BESS) with a discharge capacity of approximately 1,000 megawatt (MW) and storage capacity of approximately 4,000 megawatt hours (MWh). The Project will connect to Transgrid's line 2M, an existing 330kV transmission line running directly through the site

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 will not impact on any WaterNSW land, assets or infrastructure, and has no specific comment to make. We believe that the provided draft SEARs are expected to cover the required environmental assessment components.

WaterNSW does not need to be advised when the EIS is exhibited. However as always we request 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 me at justine.clarke@waternsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JC", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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A/ Environmental Planning Assessments & Approvals Manager