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Advice on Modification Report- State Significant Development

Proposal: Birriwa Solar Farm

Major Project reference: SSD-29508870-Mod-1

Received: 13 August 2025

Dear Cameron,

Thank you for your referral dated 13 August 2025 Advice on Modification Report from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The subject site is not listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR), nor is it in the immediate vicinity of any SHR items. Further, no local heritage items are listed within, or in the vicinity of the subject site.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Birriwa Solar and Battery Project Modification Report - prepared by EMM, dated 11 July 2025
- Appendix M: Historic Heritage Assessment Report Birriwa Solar and Battery Project Modification 1 – prepared by OzArk Environment and Heritage, dated March 2025

Based on our review of the above documents, we note that additional information is required for Heritage NSW to advise the Department on whether the environmental impact assessment complies with the SEAR regarding environmental heritage.

Our review has identified key matters, as outlined in **Attachment A** that must be addressed by the proponent in order for Heritage NSW to provide advice regarding all environmental heritage aspects of the project approval.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Sarah McGuinness, Senior Assessments Officer, at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or
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Yours sincerely

Attachment A – Detailed Environmental Heritage Advice

Historic Assessment

1. Please provide further information and discussion regarding the history of sites *Birriwa Historic Site-01: Shearers Shed* and *Birriwa Historic Site-02: Dilapidated Residence*. In particular:
 - a. Likely association with identified historic phases of the project area
 - b. Likely phase of construction and use of *Birriwa Historic Site-02: Dilapidated Residence*
 - c. Discussion of any specific architectural or construction identifiers (e.g. brick types, architectural styles etc)
2. Please provide additional detail in Section 5.2 discussing why the three identified historic sites don't meet the thresholds of significance

Archaeological Assessment

3. Please update the assessment to include a consideration for the potential for archaeological relics in association with the three identified historic sites. The archaeological assessment should include:
 - a. A consideration for the potential for archaeological resources in direct association with the sites, as well as ancillary resources such as further outbuildings, artefactual accumulations, wells etc
 - b. An assessment of significance of any potential archaeological resources against the relevant guidelines
 - c. Proposed recommendations and mitigation measures relevant to any identified archaeological relics and proposed impacts from the modification