

Megan Ramsdale
Senior Environmental Assessment Officer
Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure
Parramatta

c/- Major Projects Portal

Hume North Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-61842974)

Dear Megan,

Thank you for your referral of 15 August 2025 and the opportunity to provide advice on the Amendment Report for the proposed Hume North Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (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 understands that the proposal is for the development of a battery energy storage system (BESS) including substation and network connection infrastructure at Lake Hume Village, New South Wales (NSW) with a capacity of approximately 75 megawatts (MW) with up to two hours of storage (75 MW / 150 megawatts hours (MWh)), and with an on-site grid connection into Transgrid's Albury to Hume 132kV transmission line.

The Amendment Report have been reviewed. The Department notes that the mitigation measures now include incorporating a Pest and Weed Management Plan into the Project Environmental Management Strategy and OEMP, covering weed management and monitoring post construction and during operation. Although the current land tenure is described the Department notes there is still no information on whether any future subdivision will be required.

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

Yours sincerely

L Parker

Lilian Parker
A/Manager Agricultural Land Use Planning
Esigned 23-8-2025