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Jindera BESS - SSD-68815961 - EIS

Dear Megan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the proposed Jindera BESS Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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 related documents for how they have considered and addressed the potential impact of the proposed development on agricultural land and agricultural production in the locality.

The Department notes that the proposal is for establishment of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with a connection to the existing electricity grid through the Jindera Substation on Ortlipp Road Jindera. The development would principally be on L&SC Classes 3 and 4 land. Although the property may not currently generate an income from agriculture and is used as a rural lifestyle block, the land still has moderate to high capability for primary production.

The Department notes that the EIS has generally provided sufficient information for assessing and identifying adequate mitigation of agricultural impacts. It is noted that an Agricultural Impact Assessment and a Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment (LUCRA) have been completed as requested and that there are commitments for managing agricultural biosecurity, returning the land to its “original state” following decommissioning, and rehabilitation following construction and decommissioning.

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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Esigned 13 September 2025

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