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Input to SEARs – State Significant Development

Proposal: Sunshine Estate Battery Energy Storage System

Major Project reference: SSD-92914712

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Dear Ms Jackel,

Thank you for seeking input from the Heritage Council of NSW to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the above State Significant Development proposal.

Heritage NSW has reviewed the scoping report and draft SEARs provided by the Department for this project, and recommends that the following SEARS are included:

1. A suitably qualified heritage consultant is to:
 - a. Identify all heritage items within the site and its vicinity including built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, map these items, and assess why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance.
 - b. Assess the impacts of the proposal on any identified heritage items in accordance with the *Guidelines for Preparing Statements of Heritage Impact*. Discuss the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance of the site and the surrounding heritage items including any options analysis.
 - c. Assess the visual impacts of the proposal on any heritage item(s) within the view catchment of the proposal.
 - d. If impacts on potential historical archaeology are identified, an historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist in accordance with the guidelines *Archaeological Assessments and Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics*.

As there are local heritage items in the vicinity of the site, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

Please note that the above comments relate only to environmental heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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