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South Coree BESS - EIS

Dear Nicholas

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed South Coree Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - SSD-77238990.

NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) collaborates with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department notes that this site is land considered L&S Capability Class 3 and is within the Murray Irrigation Area and is in the vicinity of high-quality irrigation farming enterprises. The EIS has generally provided sufficient information for assessing agricultural impacts. Basic mitigation measures have been outlined, and the following points are specifically noted as commitments to manage impacts to agriculture at the site or in the vicinity:

- Any rehabilitation and decommissioning strategy will include removal of all above and below ground infrastructure to allow greater opportunity for irrigated agricultural activities following decommissioning.
- Preparation of the Pest and Weed Management Plan will specifically address biosecurity, weed and pest impacts relating to irrigated agriculture and the irrigation system in the vicinity of the proposal.
- Site rehabilitation upon decommissioning will include “Land forming to return the site to the pre-existing slope and flat features suitable for flood irrigation practices draining to the south (existing drainage)’ and will recognise historic irrigated land uses at the site and in the vicinity.

If any subdivision is required by the utility provider thus resulting in lots that are smaller than the minimum lot size, no additional dwelling eligibilities are to be created.

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@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely

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Signed 4-12-2025