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## Input to SEARs – State Significant Development

**Proposal:** Inverell Battery Energy Storage System

**Major Project reference:** SSD-98350458

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Dear Ms Bettes,

Thank you for your referral inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal. The following SEARs are recommended for inclusion for environmental heritage:

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 Assessment and Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Alison Lamond at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or [heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

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