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Your reference: SSD-75680468

Our reference: DA20240917003831-EIS & DA
Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Megan Ramsdale

Date: Thursday 8 January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

State Significant Development – Electricity Generating Works

Request for comments – exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Stoney Creek Battery Energy Storage System 41 STONEY CREEK ROAD NARRABRI NSW 2390, 156//DP754944, 1//DP502189

Reference is made to correspondence dated 18/11/2025 seeking comments regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently being exhibited, for the above State Significant Development in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the EIS and provides the following comments;

Enervest Operations Pty Ltd (Enervest) seeks to establish a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (125 Megawatt (MW) / 1000 Megawatt hours (MWh)) that will connect to the electricity grid at the existing Transgrid Narrabri 132/66 Kilovolt (kV) transmission substation via an underground cable and an overhead transmission line approximately 340 metres (m) in length (herein referred to as the 'Project'). The Project is proposed within the Narrabri Local Government Area (LGA), refer to Figure E-1.

The key elements of the Project include the following:

- *Installation and operation of a BESS including approximately 150 battery enclosures, 50 PCUs, and transformers on hardstand with subsurface wiring, and benching of the site to level the foundation for each component.*
- *Construction of a new overhead transmission line (132 kV) and underground cable to connect the proposed BESS substation, to the existing Transgrid Narrabri 132/66 kV transmission substation. The combined transmission line and underground cable will be approximately 340m in length, refer Figure E-2 and Figure E-3.*
- *Earthworks (cut and fill) totalling approximately 34,455 m³ will be undertaken to construct a raised concrete pad for the BESS area.*
- *Construction of ancillary works including access upgrades, parking areas, water tank, storage structures, stormwater management infrastructure (e.g. bioretention basin), fire water retention solution, security cameras, security lighting, and fencing.*
- *Tree / vegetation removal.*
- *On-site augmentation will be driven by live performance monitoring and operational needs.*

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- *Decommissioning of the BESS at the end of life (EOL).*

The NSW RFS has reviewed the referred documentation with particular reference to the 'Bushfire Risk Assessment Report' prepared by SLR, Project No: 620.031316.00000, dated 13 October 2025.

The outcomes/recommendations of that report are generally supported by the RFS and should be included as conditions within any approval issued.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Neil Pengilly on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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