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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant

Proposal: Stoney Creek Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-75680468)

Major Project reference: SSD-75680468

Received: 18 November 2025

Dear Ms Hatem,

Thank you for your referral dated 18 November 2025 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *44 Old Cemetery Road, Narrabri, NSW: Statement of Heritage Impact* prepared by Virtus Heritage and dated August 2025
- *Stony Creek Battery Energy Storage System: Historical Archaeological Assessment* prepared by Virtus Heritage and dated August 2025
- *Environmental Impact Statement: Stony Creek Battery Energy Storage System* prepared by SLR and dated 30 October 2025.

Heritage NSW notes that the proposed works will not directly impact any items listed on the State Heritage Register. In addition, the proposal area has been assessed as having low archaeological potential. Advice should be sought from Narrabri Shire Council regarding the local heritage items in the vicinity of the subject site.

We have no further comment on the proposal at this time and have included recommended draft conditions of approval for the project in Attachment A.

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

Yours sincerely,

'Michael Ellis.

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

5 December 2025

Attachment A – Recommended draft conditions of approval for environmental heritage

Below are our recommended draft conditions for the protection of environmental heritage.

Environmental heritage

1. All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid harm, modification of or impact to heritage items and relics, except as expressly authorised by this approval.
2. Ensure workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions.
3. A procedure for the management of unexpected relics and human remains must be developed in consultation with Heritage NSW. This procedure must:
 - a. be prepared in accordance with Heritage NSW guidelines and codes of practice
 - b. include a hold point requiring the development of a detailed historical archaeological assessment if an unexpected relic is identified:
 - i. The archaeological assessment must be prepared in accordance with the guideline *Archaeological Assessments* (1996) and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics* (2009) to inform and guide archaeological mitigation measures.
 - ii. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an Archaeological Research Design and Excavation Methodology with a nominated Excavation Director, must be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage program.
 - iii. The Archaeological Assessment must be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for approval, in consultation with Heritage NSW.
 - c. be implemented for the duration of the project.