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Griffith Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-85372970) - EIS

Dear Pragya

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 November 2025 and the opportunity to provide input to the Griffith Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-85372970) (Griffith City) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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 understands that the proposal involves the construction, operation and eventual decommissioning of a BESS with a nominal capacity of up to 100 MW power supply into the National Electricity Market (NEM) for up to 10 hours capacity. The BESS facility itself is to be located on approximately 5 hectares of a 48 ha project site opposite the Griffith Substation at the corner of Irrigation Way and Bob Irvin Road. The project is expected to include a direct transmission connection to the Griffith Substation, and associated works including construction of access and perimeter fencing.

The Department notes that it was not approached to provide input the SEARs. However, it has reviewed the EIS and associated documents and provides the following advice:

- The Department notes that the proposal would result in the loss of another 48ha of high quality (LSC Class 3) agricultural land, not just the 4-6 ha of the BESS installation itself, as there is no indication agriculture will be continued/instigated on the overall project area/site.
- The LUCRA and resulting mitigation measures with regard biosecurity, decommissioning and rehabilitation are also noted.
- However the EIS comments with regard potential resumption of agricultural production post decommissioning are not supported as the land could become incorporated back into a

larger farming enterprise. As such the decommissioning plan should include removal of all above and below ground infrastructure over the whole project area/site to ensure irrigated agriculture can be facilitated.

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@dpird.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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