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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Griffith Battery Energy Storage System

Major Project reference: SSD-85372970

Received: 19 November 2025

Dear Pragya,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal.

In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of the Environmental Impact Statement: Griffith Battery Energy Storage System – prepared by Cogency Australia Pty Ltd, dated 13 November 2025
- Appendix G: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report – Griffith Battery Energy Storage System – prepared by Red Gum Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd, dated 11 November 2025

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) has been prepared with reference to the relevant guidelines as required by the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The ACHAR outlines that no Aboriginal objects or areas of archaeological potential were identified within the study area and that no Aboriginal cultural heritage values will be impacted by the proposal.

Heritage NSW agrees with the proposed management strategies and recommendations (Sections 12 and 13 of the ACHAR). For future reference, the applicant should ensure that the consultation documentation provided with the ACHAR contains suitable evidence (i.e., copies of dated email records with all relevant email addresses shown) to demonstrate that the Stage 4 draft ACHAR was provided to all Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for review and comment. Heritage NSW has provided recommendations on Draft Conditions of Consent in **Attachment A** and has no further comments.

Please note that the comments provided relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Marika Low, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

11 December 2025

Attachment A – Draft Conditions for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

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

Aboriginal heritage

1. All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid harm, modification, or other impact to Aboriginal objects.
2. Registered Aboriginal Parties must be kept informed and consulted on heritage management throughout the SSD.
3. Prior to development, the Applicant must include Aboriginal heritage management procedures in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).
 - a. This must include a contingency and reporting plan for unexpected Aboriginal finds and human remains.
 - b. The procedures must be prepared by a qualified heritage specialist, in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties, and comply with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (2010).
 - c. The procedures must be submitted to the Planning Secretary and implemented during construction.