



Ms Arianna Henty
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01/12/2021

Dear Ms Henty,

**Broken Hill Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-11437498)
Staging Development**

I refer to your letters dated 18 October 2021 and 10 November 2021, seeking the Secretary's approval to stage the construction of the Broken Hill Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (SSD-11437498) in accordance with condition 3 in Schedule 4 of the conditions of consent.

The Department has reviewed your proposal to develop the project in three stages:

- Stage 1: construction of the BESS;
- Stage 2: construction of the transmission line and connection works; and
- Stage 3: operation of the project.

The Department notes that:

- AGL has committed to supporting each of the above stages with relevant strategies, plans and programs, in accordance with the table included in AGL's submission (10 November 2021) outlining consent conditions and the associated staging implications;
- staging the development would allow construction of the BESS (Stage 1) to commence whilst further connection and transmission line design options (Stage 2) are considered;
- AGL intends to submit a modification application to cover any alternative transmission and connection design options for the project.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved the staging of the development to enable the construction and operation of the project to occur in three stages as identified above.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Kurtis Wathen on (02) 8289 6981 or Kurtis.Wathen@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Brewer
Director
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