

Mr Brett Hawkins  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Trustee for Greenspot Wallerawang Unit Trust  
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Somersby NSW 2250

15/03/2022

Dear Mr Hawkins

**Wallerawang Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-14540514)  
Request for Additional Information**

I refer to the proposed Wallerawang Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (SSD-14540514). The Department is requesting that you provide additional information addressing the items below:

- provide further information in the Preliminary Hazard Analysis for the Department to verify the separation distances between battery sub-units (containers, enclosures etc) are sufficient to ensure a fire does not propagate between the individual sub-units including:
  - verification that the BESS would be accommodated within the area designated for the BESS, accounting for separation between BESS sub-units to prevent fire propagation; and
  - demonstrating that the fire risks from the BESS can comply with the Department's Hazardous Industry Advisory Paper No. 4, '*Risk Criteria for Land Use Safety Planning*';
- provide further information and clarification in the visual assessment, including:
  - a table listing the viewpoints, visual sensitivity, magnitude to visual change, distances and elevation differences;
  - consideration of the combined visual impact of the proposed works with changes to ground levels and proposed 5 m+ high noise barriers;
  - images of the proposed project layout from Viewpoints 1 and 2; and
  - the selection of Viewpoint 4 as the most representative of residential properties in Wallerawang and consider provision of an additional viewpoint from the eastern boundary of the residential area, including an analysis of visual impacts in the event of the future removal of the interceding pine plantation;
- ensure all site layout plans are consistent, including the EIS site layout plan, the indicative battery layout plan in the Noise and Vibration Assessment and the post-development layout plan in Appendix B of the Water Quality Assessment;
- provide cross-section drawings (including Reduced Levels) illustrating proposed areas of cut and fill and proposed construction works, including noise barriers;
- details of the rehabilitation of areas of the site located outside the development footprint;
- provide further clarification of the historical use of the site regarding potential contamination; and
- confirm the length of the proposed electricity transmission line and the size of the development footprint.

Please provide the information in the Response to Submissions or notify us that the information will not be provided, by **Thursday 7 April 2022**. If you cannot meet this deadline, please provide and commit to an alternative timeframe for providing this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Nixey, who can be contacted on 9274 6379 or at [andy.nixey@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:andy.nixey@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'NB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicole Brewer  
Director  
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**as delegate for the Planning Secretary**