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Dear 

RE: Ridgely Creek Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - Proposed Modification

I am writing on behalf of Potentia Energy, owner of the Ridgely Creek BESS, acquired from Atria Energy in early 2025.

As a neighbouring landholder, we would like to inform you that we are currently preparing a proposed modification to the Project's existing Development Approval (SSD-48756517). We intend to submit this modification to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in early 2026

The approved Ridgely Creek BESS Project, located approximately 10 km west of Parkes, adjacent to Henry Parkes Way, will involve the construction and operation of a 130 megawatt (MW) battery energy storage facility and associated civil and electrical infrastructure. Construction is targeted to commence in 2026, with operations expected to begin in 2028.

The proposed modification would optimise the approved BESS design to increase the energy storage capacity, without expanding the approved development footprint. Specifically, the extent of the proposed modification will be an increase of the approved battery discharge capacity from 260 megawatt-hours (MWh) to 520 MWh, extending the facility's discharge duration from two hours to four hours.

This increase in storage capacity would allow the Project to provide longer-duration services, including extended discharge during peak demand periods and improved support during outages. It will also improve overall grid stability and strengthen system resilience.

The proposed modification would not expand the approved development footprint, and would not require any additional land disturbance, access changes, or new off-site works.

Our Project team, together with specialised consultants, are currently undertaking updated environmental assessments, including a revised Noise Assessment and

Preliminary Hazard Analysis. Any additional impacts as a result of the modification are expected to be minimal, primarily associated with the potential for delivery of additional battery containers during the construction phase. Once relevant assessments are completed, we will update project neighbours and key stakeholders on the findings, including potential impacts and mitigation measures.

Environmental impacts related to noise, traffic, and fire risk will be assessed by NSW DPHI as part of the proposed modification application process, in line with the standard assessment process required for all State Significant Development (SSD) modifications in NSW. Following the NSW DPHI review on the proposed modification and based on its feedback, we may be required to undertake additional assessments.

We are committed to ongoing engagement with neighbouring landholders and local stakeholders to discuss the modification proposal. Should you have any enquires or comments on the above, or should you wish to discuss other matters related to the Project, please feel free to contact me on 0419 668522 or by email at ridgeycreekbess@potentiaenergy.com.au at any time.

Yours sincerely,

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