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**Attention:** Nestor Tsambos

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Bathurst Panorama BESS 800 Mid-Western Highway Bathurst, (SSD 50587460)

Dear Nestor

Thank you for the request for Environmental Assessment Requirements (EARs) for the above proposal.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries Agriculture (DPI Ag) is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

DPI Ag has reviewed the draft SEARs and recommends additional assessment requirements to provide for issues not covered as follows:

- A Rehabilitation and Decommissioning/Closure Management Plan is required and should include, but not be limited to, description of the final land use and landform, indicators which may be used to guide the return of the land back to agricultural production, along with the expected timeline for the rehabilitation program. This should also include the commitment to remove all infrastructure above and below ground, to a depth of 500mm.
- Identification and management of biosecurity matters, e.g., measures to prevent the introduction and spread of weeds that could impact on grazing and adjacent cropping systems during construction, operation, and decommissioning.
- Agricultural biosecurity management issues during and post operation must be assessed in relation to potential agricultural impacts on landholders adjacent to the project (pests, weeds, and diseases).

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0487 023 845 or by email at [landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely



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