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**To:** [Pragya Mathema](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Calala Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-52786213) - Advice from Siding Spring Observatory  
**Date:** Monday, 18 December 2023 9:46:30 AM  
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Hi Pragya

Here is the response from Siding Springs Observatory.

Best regards  
James S

**James Sellwood**



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Dear James,  
Thank you for the reminder.

The Observatory is satisfied that the Calala Battery Energy Storage System project will not have an impact on the sky brightness above the Observatory. We are also satisfied with the strategies the project will implement to reduce upward light spill.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Observatory if we can be of further assistance.

Kind Regards,

Chris Lidman

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Dear Director

I am following up on whether Siding Spring Observatory will be providing comment on the following project:

Calala Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-52786213)

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/calala-battery-energy-storage-system>

Advice was due on Wednesday (13/12). Please let us know if there are any issues with providing a response.

Best regards

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