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YOUR REF: SSD-70893706 | Gol Gol Battery Energy Storage System | SEARs

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Dear Megan

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We refer to your request for advice on the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for *Gol Gol Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)*, particularly for details of any key issues and assessment requirements to be included in the upcoming Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the Development Application.

In considering this proposal for construction of a 1500MW/12GWh BESS and associated infrastructure near Mildura VIC, it is the role of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) to ensure the water quality of the River Murray is maintained or improved, contributing to the protection of the riverine and floodplain environment. We also ensure there is no impact on the flow, use, or control of the River Murray.

Based on the information provided, the MDBA has completed its assessment and concludes the proposed EIS requirements appear suitably comprehensive.

The MDBA notes no specific conditions or further SEARs/EIS requirements are applicable to this proposal.

We look forward to further consultation on this proposal and request any further correspondence be addressed via RiverMurrayHealth@mdba.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Director
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