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**Subject:** RE: Major Projects – New Request for Advice - Finley BESS (SSD-72430958) (Berrigan Shire)  
**Attachments:** Finley BESS Draft SEARs.pdf; RE: GDA Finley Battery Energy Storage System: Scoping Consultation

Morning James

Apologies for not responding to you sooner.

We have reviewed the scoping report and draft SEARs document.

Section 3.2.2 (Decommissioning) of the Scoping Report confirms that *works will return the Subject Site as close as possible to its original state and use*. The Subject Site is identified in the Berrigan LEP 2013 as RU1 Primary Production which is a prescribed non-residential zone and so there is a need to rely on the Infrastructure SEPP for permissibility as it is an ordinarily prohibited use in the RU1 zone under the LEP. To give us more certainty that the land can return to being used for agriculture after decommissioning in 20-25 years time, is it possible to get a bit more detail on what occurs under 'decommissioning' (eg how potential land contamination, spillage etc is investigated, dealt with etc and the responsibilities and costs associated)?

Hope that assists you. If you require anything further, please reach out to myself or Noureen (town planner).

Regards,



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The Department is requesting advice from Berrigan Shire Council in relation to the Finley BESS draft SEARs. The due date for this request is 08/07/24.

The scoping report can be found [here](#), and the draft SEARs can be found attached. Please provide your advice by responding to this email.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any further questions about this request.

Kind Regards,

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to Elders past and present.