

Hi Nick

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting on NSW's SSD-72430958 Finley Battery Energy Storage System development proposal.

In considering this proposal, the MDBA's role is to ensure the water quality of the River Murray is maintained or improved, contributing to the protection of the riverine and floodplain environment.

Based on the information provided, and the general nature and location of the proposal, the MDBA has undertaken an abridged assessment under Clause 49 of Schedule 1 (Murray-Darling Basin Agreement) of the Water Act (2007).

Our assessment concludes the proposal is unlikely to significantly impact the flow, use, control, and quality of water of the River Murray, and noting it:

- is located within the upper Edward-Wakool catchment of the Central Murray region, being well away from the River Murray and tributaries/anabranches
- includes reasonable considerations for stormwater/flood management, battery containment and thermal management, vegetative buffers, and construction/operation management mitigations.

Should you have any further queries, please direct them to RiverMurrayHealth@mdba.gov.au.

Regards,

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