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Dear Deana

Subject: Molong Battery Energy Storage System - Response to Submissions & Amendment Report (SSD-80471210)

Thank you for your email dated 17 June 2026 requesting advice on the Molong Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (SSD-80471210).

The Marine, Coastal, Estuaries and Flood (MCEF) branch of the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group (CPHR) have reviewed the *Proposed Molong BESS – Flood Impact Assessment* (SLR, August 2025) (*FIA*) against the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) dated the 26 March 2025.

MCEF considers that the proponent's proposal has followed relevant guidance (NSW Flood Risk Management Manual and Flood Impact and Risk Assessment – Flood Risk Management Guide LU01) and satisfied the SEARs for flood risk management, subject to the proponent adequately undertaking the flood risk management assessment actions committed to in Section 8 and Table 7 of the *FIA* during the detailed design phase, particularly around safe access and egress to the site.

The proposal to design and build infrastructure above the 0.5% AEP level is considered appropriate. The project site is subject to overland flow paths and a drainage channel (5m x1m) along the northern edge is proposed to divert overland floodwaters. Flood modelling at this concept stage demonstrated there is no increase in flood risk in the downstream end or adjacent land.

The proposal will require overland flow and stormwater modelling to be undertaken in the detailed design stage to inform the drainage system design. These actions can be addressed during the detailed design phase of the project as a post-approval requirement prior to construction. MCEF emphasises that the detailed flood risk management assessment must consider all project infrastructure and ancillary works, including the site access roads.

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact Ivan Rivas Acosta, Senior Floodplain Officer via inlandfloodteam@dcceew.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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29 June 2026

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