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Mr Iwan Davies
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Dear Iwan

Subject: Guildford West HV BESS – Project refinements into EIS

I am writing to you on behalf of Ausconnex (ABN 39 232 846 628), regarding the proposed project refinements to the Guildford West HV BESS installed megawatt (MW) capacity and megawatt hour (MWh) duration of the Guildford West HV BESS SSD-83916959.

Since receiving the project SEARs for the Guildford West HV BESS SSD-83916959, Ausconnex has undertaken project refinements that have resulted in the following changes:

- A decrease from 100MW to 85MW;
- An increase in MWh capacity from 200MWh to 300MWh due to BESS discharge duration increasing from two to four hours; and
- A minor increase of area to the indicative development footprint, however, remaining largely within the existing hardstand area and within the of the existing project site boundary (Guildford West Transmission Substation).

It is noted that the proposed project changes are accommodated for within the existing project site boundary, would not result in any additional land parcel acquisition or lease agreements, and would not introduce any new environmental considerations. The increased MWh BESS duration shall be fully assessed, in accordance with the Project SEARs, as part of the Environmental Impact Statement and the accompanying technical assessments for the Project.

Ongoing project iterations and refinements may continue to occur as the Project design responds to agency, community and stakeholder feedback, or identification of possible further constraints. Ausconnex is available to discuss the Project further, if required.

Yours sincerely

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