

# Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Our ref: SSI-12422997

Ms Amanda Weston  
Planning & Environment Manager  
Alinta Energy  
By email

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**Subject:** Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage – Amendment of Application

Dear Ms Weston

I refer to the Amendment Report for the Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project (SSI-12422997), submitted on 21 March 2024 in accordance with clause 179(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

The Amendment Report has requested the following changes to the project application:

- realignment of the Eastern Access Road and Upper Dam Access Road;
- establishment of two temporary bridges over the Macleay River and a secondary temporary access road;
- establishment of three temporary accommodation camps (fly camps) (Eastern, Western and Southern);
- utilisation of blasting as a construction method for roads and other above ground works;
- an increase in the estimated construction water requirements from 1 ML to 3 ML per day;
- redesign of the temporary stockpiling/ laydown and permanent spoil emplacement areas; and
- redesign of the underground arrangement and tunnel sizing to deliver 900 MW generation capacity;

The Department has carefully considered the information and accordingly, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I approve the proposed amendment of the application.

If you have any questions, please contact James McDonough on (02) 02 9585 6313.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Brewer'.

Nicole Brewer  
Director  
Energy Assessments  
as delegate of the Planning Secretary