

Central Coast Council

Thank you for your email and phone conversation earlier and for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed Waratah Super Battery-Munmorah. Again I apologise that we have been unable to provide comment earlier, noting the importance of this project.

The following matters are provided for the consideration of the Department in the assessment of the application.

- There should be a Construction Management Plan (CMP) detailing but not limited to the following:
 - type of vehicles
 - loads
 - frequency and duration of construction traffic
- The traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) was not available for review on the website despite being referenced in the EIS. Concern is raised in relation to the safe operation (capacity and safety) of the Central Coast Highway and access to the site, the ongoing operation of the site, parking on site etc. Has the assessment had regard for the use of the recreation areas along the access road to the site? How construction and delivery vehicles will be managed on the road network. This should be developed in consultation with TfNSW and Council.
- Council, as the Roads Authority, requires finalisation of all traffic related documentation prior to the commencement of any works on site.
- A Dilapidation report should be prepared prior to the commencement of any works on site.
- The Water Impact Assessment has not looked at the stormwater runoff generated from the development site. Stormwater management should be above the PMF (and include a freeboard) having regard for runoff within the site's own and adjoining catchments, not purely the mainstream PMF of the Lakes and main watercourses.
- Stormwater quality in consideration of the importance of the receiving areas.
- Sanity checks should be considered in the stormwater modelling to ensure failure or risks are adequately managed.
- Landscaping plan showing revegetation -more than stabilising grasses should be planted.
- Consultation with, and the obtaining of any water and sewer related approvals should occur as a matter of priority. A Section 305 application under the *Water Management Act 2000* should be submitted.
- Reflectivity of the battery should be considered, particularly in relation to nearby residences, aircraft, development on the opposite side of the Lake etc.
- Ensure the acoustic report adequately addresses the ongoing operation and has contains realistic and achievable mitigation measures.
- Ensure there is consistency between the bushfire report and the BDAR. In this regard, the BDAR should consider all vegetation proposed to be removed for APZ's and any proposed transmission line routes/associated infrastructure.
- The Bushfire report should have regard for future landscaping/plantings within constructed wetlands or for the stabilisation of disturbed areas.

- It is noted additional surveys were to be undertaken in the appropriate season in 2022. If these have been received they should be made available on the Portal for review by Government Authorities and the community.

It is assumed that TfNSW will be reviewing the project and any comments made by TfNSW will be made available either on the Major Projects website or directly to Council.

The issues raised above are brought to the attention of the Department for consideration in the detailed assessment of the proposal. In doing so it is acknowledged that these issues, and any other issues raised by state government agencies or via public submissions, will be duly assessed by the Department in their overall consideration of the application under a merit assessment.