

13th January 2025

Wayne Jones
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Subject	Request for Additional Working Hours
Project	Waratah Super Battery
Development Application Number	SSI-48492458
Proponent	Energy Corporation of NSW
Developer	Munmorah Battery ProjectCo Pty Ltd ('Akaysha Energy')

Dear Wayne,

Akaysha Energy is requesting approval from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure ('DPIE') to increase working hours for the Waratah Super Battery project above those currently set out in the project's Development Approval. While defined working hours are stipulated in Condition B12 of the Development Approval, Condition B12 also permits change to these working hours where *'the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise'*.

In line with the above, Akaysha Energy requests permission to work on Monday 27th January 2025, a NSW public holiday. This is outside of the current hours approved in Condition B12 of the Development Approval

The reasons for the request for extended working hours are set out below:

- The Waratah Super Battery has critical commissioning testing with Transgrid and AEMO, Hold Point 3, scheduled to commence in the week of 27th January 2025 or soon after. This testing needs to be booked in far in advance;
- There has been significant rainfall on site in the months of December 2024 and January 2025 to-date, which has slowed commissioning progress. The date for Hold Point 3 testing could be jeopardized if significant rainfall continues to occur between now and the commencement of Hold Point 3 in late January. For that reason, having approval to work on Monday 27th January will provide valuable working hours to ensure that this critical testing can go ahead;
- If Hold Point 3 testing cannot go ahead as planned in late January 2025, this could take several weeks to re-schedule and lead to a material impact on the Waratah Super Battery Program.

The nature of the works proposed to be undertaken on Monday 27th January would include:

- Commissioning of BESS equipment and Power Conversion Systems.

The nature of these activities is testing and commissioning of sensitive electrical equipment, and so do not require heavy machinery or produce material levels of noise. As such, while noise will be monitored by the site team, it is Akaysha Energy's view that a Construction Noise Impact Assessment is not required in this case, as the activities will not produce noise beyond normal site ambient noise. There are not expected to be any impacts on the local community from this request, either through heightened noise or additional traffic volumes.

It would be appreciated if the Department can consider and respond to this request by Friday 17th January 2025.

Akaysha Energy looks forward to your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Sheed', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Sheed
Senior Project Manager
Akaysha Energy