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Submission in Support of the Baulkham Hills Battery Energy Storage System for application number SSD-80854710

Construction and operation of a high voltage (HV) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) comprising of 30 lithium-ion battery containers with a capacity of up to 43 megawatts (MW)/170 megawatt hours (MWh) and associated infrastructure.

Baxter Healthcare Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide this submission in support of the proposed Baulkham Hills Battery Energy Storage System.

As a significant employer and manufacturer in Western Sydney, Baxter relies on a stable and resilient electricity network to support the production of critical healthcare products used by hospitals and patients across Australia. Reliable energy infrastructure is essential not only for maintaining manufacturing operations, but also for supporting the broader healthcare supply chain and ensuring continuity of supply during periods of increased demand.

The proposed Battery Energy Storage System represents an important investment in the future resilience of the local electricity network. By increasing energy reliability and supporting peak demand management, the project has the potential to reduce the risk of power disturbances and brownouts that can disrupt industrial facilities and adversely impact productivity. Improved energy security will support existing businesses in the area while creating an environment that encourages further investment in advanced manufacturing and other industries that depend upon reliable power.

Baxter requests that robust controls be maintained regarding fire safety, emergency management, construction impacts, noise management and ongoing engagement with neighbouring businesses to ensure the project can deliver its benefits while protecting surrounding industrial operations. Consideration and engagement during the planning and construction should be given to ensure operational impacts to local businesses are minimised. Further, assurances are required that any electromagnetic interference will not impact machinery or other systems at our location, and any potential fire risks associated with batteries have strong mitigation actions in place.

Baxter Healthcare Australia supports the Baulkham Hills Battery Energy Storage System and encourages its approval. We believe the project will deliver meaningful benefits for local residents, industry and the wider community through improved energy reliability, enhanced infrastructure resilience and support for future growth.

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About Baxter Healthcare

Baxter's headquarter for the Australia and New Zealand is based in Toongabbie, Western Sydney. We are one of the largest diversified healthcare companies in Australia.

- A major supply to hospitals of critical medical devices, Australian-Made IV fluids, pharmaceutical compounding, advanced surgery and anaesthesia products and life-saving parenteral nutrition supplies as well as a range of connected care products, such as smart beds and frontline care equipment such as spot monitoring and vital signs.
- Australia's only local manufacturer of IV medical fluids - the backbone of medication delivery to patients from the ICU and Emergency Rooms to Chemotherapy and Operating Theatres.
- Operates the largest network of TGA-licensed pharmaceutical compounding sites in Australia with operations in every mainland state, preparing more than 2 million units of patient specific medicines every year including chemotherapy, antibiotics, analgesics and parenteral nutrition.
- One of Western Sydney's largest healthcare manufacturers, employing more than 650 local staff in high-skilled manufacturing, pharmaceutical compounding, engineering, logistics and support functions. From its Old Toongabbie facility, Baxter manufactures critical IV fluids and medicines that support hospitals and patients across Australia while contributing to local employment, economic activity and Australia's sovereign healthcare capability.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Chen".

Director of Manufacturing

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