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NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Re: Objection to Kamay Battery Energy Storage System, SSD-92494458

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write as a Councillor representing Kurnell to formally object to the proposed Kamay Battery Energy Storage System at 171-189 Captain Cook Drive.

I support battery storage as an important part of the renewable energy transition. My objection is not to the technology, but to whether Kurnell is the appropriate location for infrastructure of this scale.

Kurnell has carried a significant industrial burden for generations. As land uses change, there is an opportunity to pursue a different future for the peninsula, focused on remediation, environmental restoration, improved public spaces and recognition of Kurnell's extraordinary Aboriginal, environmental and cultural heritage. Further industrialisation risks entrenching a pattern in which Kurnell continues to absorb infrastructure and impacts that benefit the wider region.

The proposal must also be considered within Kurnell's cumulative risk profile. The peninsula already accommodates major fuel storage and industrial infrastructure, while residents, workers and emergency services depend heavily on Captain Cook Drive as the principal access route. The assessment should consider credible fire and emergency scenarios, potential interaction with surrounding infrastructure, evacuation arrangements and the capacity to maintain access during an incident.

Residential amenity is also important. Kurnell is an established community, not simply an industrial precinct. The potential cumulative effects of operational noise, construction traffic and other industrial impacts must be assessed from the perspective of residents, particularly during quieter night-time periods.

The surrounding environment is highly sensitive, with nationally and internationally significant wetlands, waterways and protected areas nearby. Potential consequences from fire, smoke, contaminated runoff and other off-site impacts warrant a precautionary approach.

I am also concerned that the proposal does not demonstrate a direct and enduring public benefit for the Kurnell community proportionate to the burden it would carry. Broader grid benefits would be distributed across the electricity network, while the potential impacts and risks would be concentrated locally. Commercial convenience or the availability of existing Ausgrid land should not be treated as equivalent to public benefit or proof that this is the most appropriate site.

Any proposed community benefit package should be transparent, substantial and legally enforceable. However, such a package cannot compensate for an unsuitable location or unacceptable impacts.

For these reasons, I support the concerns raised by the Kurnell community and object to the Kamay BESS in its proposed location. I request that the consent authority give genuine consideration to alternative sites and refuse the application unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the development is appropriate, safe and in the public interest.

Yours sincerely,

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