SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO: McCULLYS GAP BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM - 380 & 578 Sandy Creek Road Muswellbrook

ASSESSEMENT TYPE: State Significant Development

APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD-81555720

The purpose of this submission is to advise our opposition and total rejection of the proposed project mentioned above for the below reasons.

The close proximity of the project to our property is of a major concern..

- Noise - studies already undertaken are not applicable to our location and were conducted at a time when noise would be at a minimum.

- Road Access - Sandy Creek Road is not in anyway suitable for the transport of the units. The road is only suitable for low volume traffic and not heavy oversized vehicles. There does not appear to be any consideration provided in the event emergency service vehicles may need to access McCullys gap during these construction works.

- Visual impacts - the proposed project is not in keeping with the current rural landscape and will have a visually negative impact on the area. Note: photographic evidence supplied in Technical Report 3 is inaccurate as is from 2002 prior to the cessation of the coal mine and rehabilitation work completed.

- Fire Hazard - Obvious concerns are the threat of fire either from a nearby fire or from the infrastructure itself. If this were to happen, the fire needs an excessive continual water supply. The water run off then contains heavy metals and toxic chemicals which will be harmful to the environment. The opportunity for contaminated water to enter the adjacent creek which then leads to the Hunter River is a major concern.

In closing we consider this project to have a negative impact on us and the surrounding community.

This project is not power generating and is merely power storage made possible the buying and selling back of power for financial gain which is not being retained in this LGA. The ultimate reason for this project is purely financial gain for an international company.

The fact that immediate neighbours were not nofitifed of this project depicts the honesty and integrity of the project managers.