

Tuesday, 25 February

RE: Submission response to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Deniliquin Battery Energy Storage system (SSD-7225810)

Murray Irrigation has extensively reviewed the information available on the NSW Planning Portal for the State Significant Development Application for the Deniliquin Battery Energy Storage System (application number SSD-72258210).

Murray Irrigation has reviewed the Environment Impact Statement with attention to the water requirements.

Murray Irrigation notes in *section 3.4.3 Water demand and supply*, the supply of water for construction purposes will be sourced from the Mulwala Canal using a temporary pliable hose/pipe, standpipe and skid mounted pump. It is noted that an agreement with Murray Irrigation will need to be discussed prior to construction and the water will ultimately be sourced by the construction contractor. This section notes the operational water requirements would be minimal with building runoff or water delivered on-site meeting the operational needs for water.

Murray Irrigation interprets the above statement to imply that there will no long-term requirements to access water from the Mulwala Canal. Water from the Mulwala Canal will only be required during the construction phase.

Murray Irrigation notes the details provided in *section 6.8.3 Potential Impacts, Construction and decommissioning; Water use* for accessing of water from the Mulwala Canal via an overland pipe on the landholder's lot. These arrangements will need to be discussed with Murray Irrigation prior to construction to ensure the access of water from the Mulwala Canal meets Murray Irrigation requirements.

Murray Irrigation notes in *section 6.8.4 Mitigation measures, WA1*:

- *'Prior to construction, an appropriate water access licence will be obtained and temporary water allocation purchased from the water trade market. The Project will adhere to any licensing and regulations.'*

Murray Irrigation strongly encourages the proponent for the Deniliquin Battery Energy Storage System to contact Murray Irrigation during the preparation for construction to determine the most appropriate arrangement to access water from the Mulwala Canal during construction.

Yours Sincerely,



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