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Dear Hayley,

Reference: DFO Homebush - Visual Impact of Homebush BESS

I am writing in response to the recently released Visual Impact Assessment for the proposed Homebush Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), particularly regarding its proximity to and visual impact on the DFO shopping centre in Homebush.

Having reviewed the assessment documentation (Ref: P528134), we note that the proposed installation is substantial in scale and visually prominent from both the adjacent DFO carpark and the multi-storey rooftop carpark (VP2). The assessment appears to offer limited strategies for landscaping, screening, or design integration to reduce the visual impact of the infrastructure.

We would like to raise concerns about the visual prominence of the proposed infrastructure and its potential effect on the shopper experience. DFO Homebush is a well-frequented retail destination, and any significant change to the surrounding visual environment could influence how visitors perceive and enjoy the space.

As currently presented, the infrastructure would have a strong visual presence. While the design recommends allowing minimum 1-metre garden bed along the perimeter fence between the project site and the ground level of the DFO carpark to help soften the appearance, we believe this measure alone is insufficient. Although the assessment outlines some design and mitigation strategies that may offer limited visual benefits, we do not consider them adequate to address the potential impact.

To better manage this issue, we propose the addition of Colourbond or vertical black aluminium blade fencing — similar to what is installed around the STSS (see Figure 5-6)—to serve as a visual screen. This would help further reduce the visibility of the BESS installation for both shoppers and motorists using the adjacent and rooftop carparks.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this project. We would welcome the chance to further discuss the concerns raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely



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