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ATTENTION: Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
PROJECT: Deniliquin East Battery Energy Storage System SSD-61612229

Re: Submission for Exhibition for State Significant Development Application - Deniliquin East Battery Energy Storage System - 21356 Riverina Highway, Deniliquin.

Please find below Edward Rivers Council's submission in relation to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and supporting information for the Deniliquin East Battery Energy Storage System development (SDD-61612229). Council understands the Project seeks approval for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a battery energy storage system (BESS) with the capacity of 100 MW/200MWh and ancillary infrastructure on Lot 11 DP856212.

Visual Amenity and Landscaping

A landscape and vegetation management plan should be provided detailing planting schedules, planting methodology and ongoing maintenance including irrigation required for on going growth and maintenance. Ideally planting should be established prior to commencement of construction to enable greater time for establishment and growth of plantings.

Landscape Screening

The planting associated with the landscape screen as outlined on the proposed landscape plan must be maintained while the development is in operation at the site. On-going monitoring of the health and performance of the visual plant screen during the life of the operation must be undertaken, including replacement of plant stock whenever necessary to ensure the screen continues to act as an effective visual buffer. Following construction, restoration of ground cover to the site should be undertaken as soon as practicable, using suitable local species to maintain ground cover.

Construction Impacts

A Construction Site Management Plan should be provided to demonstrate the measures that will be in place during construction for sediment and erosion control measures, Construction Traffic Management, Vegetation and Landscape Management and Protection measures to be implemented during construction.

Servicing and Commissioning

Provide information regarding the commissioning and decommissioning of the battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure. Additional information is required to understand site demands and servicing arrangements particularly in relation to stormwater management, water supply, wastewater disposal arrangements.

Management of hazards should be undertaken in accordance with the Hazard Management Plan prepared for the operation of the Battery and Energy Storage facility, in association with the relevant authorities (SafeWork, Fire and Rescue, RFS, DPE Hazards).

Decommissioning

A Decommissioning Plan should detail how the site will be left clear of obsolete infrastructure. This should indicate expected timeframes, site restoration, waste management and recycling. All underground and above ground infrastructure should be removed to restore the land back to a suitable state for agriculture.

Waste Management

A waste management plan should be prepared providing details of how waste will be managed during the construction phase. Noting that Council cannot accept commercial construction packaging waste etc from the site at councils landfill site/s.

Traffic and Transport

The TIA (Appendix M) addresses the SEARs having regard for traffic generation, impacts, measures/controls and upgrades, and the TfNSW requirements (including timeframes, detail plans, cumulative impacts, OSOM routes, traffic volumes, SISD intersection treatments, parking, TMP swept paths etc). Dilapidation surveys will be conducted as requested by ERC, and any damage is to be repaired by the developer and costs attributed to the Project.

Stormwater/Flooding

The Hydrology Assessment (Appendix N) thoroughly addresses the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures, and the findings consistently flow through to the EIS.

Employment and Accommodation

Details of potential employment generation and opportunities and worker accommodation arrangements for surrounding villages and towns should be documented to ensure that provision of services can be provided locally to cater for the workforce demands.

Bushfire Management

The site is identified as bush fire prone land. The development must comply with the relevant specifications and requirements of Planning for Bushfire Protection prepared by the NSW Rural Fire Services and an approved Bushfire Report. Adequate fire protection resources would be required to ensure these areas are adequately protected during construction and ongoing operation of the facility.

Yours sincerely



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