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NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure 4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy St Parramatta, NSW, 2150

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident the property named 'R3' in the Scoping Report, I would like to make a formal submission objecting to the proposed development of the Gara Battery Energy Storage System, Application Number SSD-71680710.

The reasons why I object to the Application are in the attached document 'FR3 Objections to proposed Gara Battery Energy Storage System SSD-71680710', and map 'Ace energy detailed map of distances to switching station'.

In summary these reasons are:

- 1. The proposed development does not fit with the regional footprint of the outer Armidale / Metz
- The proposed development is too close to residential properties, particularly neighbouring properties.
- 3. The proposed location is next to a significant tourism route for the local region.
- 4. The proposed development raises mental health concerns.
- 5. Miscellaneous concerns for the proposed development:
 - Noise levels
 - Compensation
 - o Transmission towers
 - Visual impact is of major concern to neighbouring residents
 - Genuine consultation with stakeholders.

In summary the proposed development presents an undesirable location for numerous reasons, and raises significant concerns for neighbouring residents and the New England region. It is requested that an alternative, more remote location is selected.

I appreciate your review and consideration of my submission, and I look forward to future correspondence with the department.

Kind regards,

Fiona Tregoning