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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Via Major Projects Portal

Attention: Mr Jack Turner

27 September 2021

Dear Mr Turner,

ADVICE ON MODIFICATION APPLICATION AND REPORT

ERARING POWER STATION – PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO ASH RECYCLING FACILITIES (MP07_0084 MOD 2)

Thank you for your request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-28642065) on 23 September 2021, requesting the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) review and comment on the Modification Application and Report in respect of proposed modifications to the ash recycling facilities at Eraring Power Station (MP07_0084 MOD-2) at Rocky Point Road, Eraring (Premises).

The EPA understands the proposal involves the following key elements:

- Integration of works currently authorised under local development consent DA/1937/2014/D (the existing Daracon operations) into Origin's Project Approval 07_0084, and upgrades to those works to increase throughput capacity to 300,000 tpa, including construction of three additional 450t ash storage silos (modification area 1)
- Modifications to existing ash recycling infrastructure currently authorised under Project Approval 07_0084 including construction of up to four additional 600t ash storage silos to provide additional ash storage capacity and enable export of up to 150,000 tpa of stored ash product (modification area 2)
- Other supporting infrastructure including:
 - an internal road and weighbridge for delivery trucks at modification areas 1 and 2
 - crib room and amenities building within modification area 2
 - water tanks within modification area 2
 - an option for a pneumatic fly ash pipeline (approximately 480m length) between the main power station and modification area 2.

The EPA has reviewed the Modification Report titled 'Ash Recycling Facilities, Eraring Power Station', prepared by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd, dated 20 August 2021. The EPA considers that potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal have been adequately assessed and that the proposed environment management measures are appropriate. As such the EPA has no objection to the proposed modification.

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Origin Energy Eraring Pty Ltd, holds Environment Protection Licence 1429 in respect of scheduled activities carried on at the Premises under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act). The EPA considers that the existing conditions of the Licence provide appropriate regulation of the environment issues associated with the proposal under the POEO Act.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Hamish Rutherford on (02) 4908 6824 or email info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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