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The Senior Environmental Assessment Officer
Planning and Assessment Group
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

By Major Projects Portal

Dear Mr Robinson

Re SSD 10460

I refer to your electronic mail on 6 August 2020 from inviting comments from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the proposal for the Hume Battery Energy Storage System to be located adjacent to the Hume Dam Hydro Power Station, within the Albury Local Government Area.

The project

The EPA has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposal. We recommend that should the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment approve the project, the conditions of approval should include the requirements set out at Attachment A.

The proposed activity is to be located near the Murray River. The proponent should be aware that under section 120 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the Act) it is an offence to pollute waters.

Licensing

Based on the information provided we note that the proposed activity is not a scheduled activity under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the Act).

However, we also note that there are proposed works and a connection occurring at the switchyard associated with the Hume Dam Hydro Power Station (the Hume Power Station). Environment Protection Licence No 10675 (the licence) is issued to GSP Energy Pty Ltd for the Hume Power Station and we note that the switchyard is listed as part of the licensed premises.

If an entity is undertaking activities on licensed premises that are below the relevant threshold set out in Schedule 1 of the Act, the activities must be listed on the licence as Ancillary Activities. If the Development Application is approved, the proponent will need to determine whether the proposal is deemed an ancillary activity for the purposes of the licence, and if so, apply to the EPA to vary the licence.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Briohny Seaman by telephoning 02 6969 0700 or by electronic mail at riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment A

The EPA recommends that if approval is granted for this proposal, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment include the following in the conditions of approval.

- The proponent must take all necessary precautions and implement measures to prevent pollution of waterways during the construction and operational phases of the project;
- The proponent must prepare and implement an erosion and sediment control plan in accordance with *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* (Landcom, 2004) to prevent to pollution of waters during the construction phase of the project;
- During the construction phase of the project, the proponent must implement measures to control and minimise dust from the premises;
- The proponent must implement best practice standards and site specific feasible and reasonable noise control measure in accordance with the *Interim Guidelines for Construction Noise* (DECC, 2009) and as proposed in the EIS Appendix H, Noise and Vibration, including the implementation of a detailed construction noise and vibration management plan to minimise noise impacts during the construction phase of the project; and
- Wastes generated during the construction and operation phases of the project must be classified in accordance with the EPA's *Waste Classification Guidelines* (EPA, 2014) and taken to a place that can lawfully accept and dispose of them.