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Dear Ms Homsey,

Notice of Exhibition of application for Hume Battery Energy Storage System (SSD 10460)

Thank you for your referral dated 6 August 2020 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- Installation, commissioning, and operation of a 20MW/40MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Construction and operational access track from existing internal WaterNSW access road.
- Ancillary upgrades to the existing substation switchyard to connect the BESS to the National Energy Market.
- Underground 11 kV electricity cabling infrastructure from the existing switchyard to the BESS.
- Construction of fencing around the perimeter of the BESS compound.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Hume Battery Energy Storage System Statement of Heritage Impact, prepared by Jacobs, dated 28 July 2020.*

The proposed SSD does not affect any State Heritage Register listed items. The SoHI identifies several heritage items in the vicinity including the Hume Dam, and Nissen huts in the Hume Dam Works Compound, listed on the Water NSW S170 register. The report also identifies that archaeological information may be present associated with the Nissen huts.

The SoHI concludes that no heritage items or archaeology will be impacted by the proposed works and makes general management recommendations including protective fencing, a heritage induction and an unexpected finds protocol.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

- The recommendations in the SoHI should be incorporated into a Heritage Management Plan for the project.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Rebecca Newell, Senior Historical Archaeology Officer at Heritage NSW on 9873 8632 or Rebecca.Newell@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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