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The Manager
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Attention: Natasha Homsey

SSD-10460 - PROPOSED HUME BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (HUME BESS), MURRAY STREET, HUME.

I refer to correspondence regarding the subject Application which was referred to the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for assessment and comment.

From review of the submitted documentation it is understood that the proposal is for the construction of Battery Energy Storage Facility with a capacity of approximately 20MW plus ancillary infrastructure on the subject site. The Battery storage facility is to support the existing Hume Dam Hydro power Station on the subject site to address restrictions on power generation due to water release regulations. The subject site is located with access to Murray Street, which is classed as a local road, within Lake Hume village to the east of Albury.

The application is supported by documentation including an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dated July 2020 and Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) dated June 2020 prepared by Jacobs. The proposed construction period is approximately 9 months proposing to commence in January 2021. The submitted documentation claims that Construction of the project would generate construction traffic associated with the haulage and delivery of construction materials and equipment, transport of construction workforce, and general site activities. Peak daily traffic movements are expected to be about 24 light vehicles (i.e. 12 vehicles one way) and eight heavy vehicles (i.e. four vehicles one way). The proposed traffic generation is not considered significant.

Access to the site for construction purposes is proposed from the Hume Highway via the Riverina Highway to Murray Street, Lake Hume. Access into the subject site from the Public Road network is via a driveway from Murray Street. As Murray Street is classed as a local road the access driveway shall be to standards adopted by Albury City Council. The Riverina Highway west of Elizabeth Mitchell Drive is restricted to General Access vehicles allowing for articulated heavy vehicles up to 19 metres in length. Any transportation of components to the site by vehicles over this size is required to apply for the appropriate permits.

The submitted documentation includes mitigation measures including a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) to address traffic related issues. The submitted documentation lists a number of items to be addressed in the CTMP. The CTMP shall be prepared in consultation with the relevant road authorities (Council and Transport for NSW) to outline measures to manage traffic related issues associated with the development and shall include the following in addition to the items listed in the supporting documentation:

- i) Require that all vehicular access to the site be via the approved access route.
- ii) Details of the approved traffic routes to be used by heavy and light vehicles, and any associated impacts and any road-specific mitigation measures.
- iii) Details of measures to be employed to ensure safety of road users and minimise potential conflict with project generated traffic,
- iv) Proposed hours for construction activities, as night time construction presents additional traffic related issues to be considered.
- v) The management and coordination of the movement of vehicles for construction and worker related access to the site and to limit disruption to other motorists, emergency vehicles, school bus timetables and school zone operating times,
- vi) loads, weights and lengths of haulage and construction related vehicles and the number of movements of such vehicles,
- vii) Scheduling of delivery vehicle movements to minimise convoy length or platoons,
- viii) procedures for informing the public where any road access will be restricted as a result of the project,
- ix) any proposed precautionary measures such as signage to warn road users such as motorists about the construction activities for the project,
- x) a Driver Code of Conduct to address such items as; appropriate driver behaviour including adherence to all traffic regulations and speed limits, safe overtaking and maintaining appropriate distances between vehicles, etc and appropriate penalties for infringements of the Code,
- xi) details of procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from the community concerning traffic issues associated with truck movements to and from the site,

Transport for NSW has assessed the Application based on the documentation provided and would raise no objection to the development proposal subject to the Consent Authority ensuring that the development is undertaken in accordance with the information submitted as amended by the inclusion of appropriate conditions to address the issues outlined above.

Any enquiries regarding this correspondence may be referred to the Manager, Land Use - TfNSW (South West Region), Maurice Morgan, phone (02) 6923 6611.

Yours faithfully



Per:
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