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Dear Ms Brewer,

Letter of Support - Meridian Energy Hume BESS Project

On behalf of Albury City Council, I write in support of Meridian Energy's Hume Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project, currently on public exhibition.

The Hume BESS Project is a progressive proposal that supports affordable, reliable and clean energy. The project will improve energy security in regional NSW, while supporting the investment of \$35 million capital investment in regional infrastructure. The Hume BESS Project is a natural continuation of Meridian's commitment to providing reliable renewable energy solutions in Australia and New Zealand.

We commend Meridian Energy's innovation and commitment to renewable energy throughout regional NSW and offer Council's full support to the application.

Yours faithfully,

Cr Kevin Mack

Mayor Albury City Council

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