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Via: Major Projects Portal

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**Subject: Staging Request - Fire Study and Biodiversity Offsets for the Liddell Battery and Bayswater Ancillary Works Project (SSD 8889679)**

Dear Ms Brady

I refer to your letter dated 1 December 2022 and revised letter dated 25 January 2023, requesting approval for the staging of the Fire Safety Study under Condition A7(a) of Schedule 2 of the development consent and the staging of the retirement of biodiversity offsets for Offset Stage 4 for of the development.

Condition B2, Schedule 2 of the development consent requires that the Fire Safety Study be prepared to the satisfaction of Fire and Rescue NSW and the Planning Secretary prior to commencing the construction of the battery energy storage system (BESS).

I note the letter outlines two stages for the preparation of the Fire Safety Study, with Stage 1 comprising the demolition of existing infrastructure at the BESS site and Stage 2 comprising the other elements of the construction of the BESS. Given the demolition of existing infrastructure is not within the scope of the Fire Safety Study, it is proposed that preparation of the Fire Safety Study is not required for Stage 1 of the BESS and would be prepared prior to commencing Stage 2.

I note that the revised letter (dated 25 January 2023) withdraws the request to stage biodiversity offsets included in the original letter (dated 1 December 2022).

The Department has carefully reviewed the request and is satisfied that it meets the requirements to stage a management plan under under Condition A7(a) of Schedule 2 of the development consent. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the proposed staging of the Fire Safety Study.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 02 9995 5387.

Yours sincerely



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Director  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary