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Subject: Hume North Energy Storage System – Referral to the Independent Planning Commission

Dear Mr Mills,

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the Hume North Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (SSD- 61842974).

The application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination as there were more than 50 unique submissions objecting to the project.

Infrastructure Capital Services Pty Ltd as trustee for Australian Renewable Investment Fund Hume BESS Holdings Trust (a wholly owned special purpose entity of Foresight Australia Fund Management) (Foresight) proposes to develop a new State significant BESS located near Lake Hume Village approximately 10 kilometres (km) east of Albury, in the Albury City local government area.

The BESS would have a delivery and storage capacity of approximately 75 megawatts (MW) / 150 MW-hour (MWh) respectively. The project would connect to the existing Transgrid Albury to Hume 132 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that traverses the eastern portion of the site.

During the exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS) the Department received a total of 76 unique submissions from the community, in addition to advice from 17 government agencies, including Albury City Council who objected to the project. Of the public submissions received during exhibition of the EIS, 63 objected to the project and one supported the project.

The Department notes that two objections were made from within 5 km of the site, 7 submissions (4 objections and 3 comments) were received from between 5 and 15 km of the site and the remaining 67 submissions (66 objections and 1 support) were received from over 100 km of the site (18 of which were interstate).

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