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Subject: Homebush Battery 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 Homebush Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (SSD-77443244).

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

Ausgrid proposes to develop a new State significant BESS located approximately 13 kilometres (km) west of Sydney's Central Business District (CBD), in the Strathfield local government area.

The BESS would have a delivery and storage capacity of approximately 200 megawatts (MW) / 431 MW-hour (MWh) respectively. The project would connect to the existing Ausgrid Mason Park 132 kilovolt (kV) Tamworth substation which is directly west of the site.

During the exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS) the Department received a total of 63 unique submissions from the community, in addition to advice from 12 government agencies. Of the public submissions received during exhibition of the EIS, 59 objected to the project, one supported the project and 3 provided comment.

The Department notes that 84% of submissions (53 submissions) were received from over 100 kms from the site (including submissions made from interstate), 10% (6 submissions) were from residents located regionally (5 – 100 km from the site) and 6% (4 submissions) were received from residents located locally (within 5 km of the site).

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In assessing the merits of the project, the Department has considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, submissions on the EIS, relevant environmental planning instruments, the suitability of the site, and the public interest, in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

During the assessment process the Department visited the site and consulted with Council and relevant government agencies.

Based on this assessment, the Department concludes that the project is approvable, subject to the recommended conditions of consent.

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report and other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact myself on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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