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Subject: Culcairn Solar Farm (SSD 10288) – Request to increase BESS capacity to 963 MWh

Dear Ms Walker

I refer to your submission dated 1 December 2025, requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to increase the total battery energy storage capacity associated with the development from 904 MWh to 963 MWh in accordance with Schedule 3, Condition 1 of the Development Consent (SSD-10288-Mod 2).

In considering this request the Department has carefully reviewed the submission including the additional information provided. The Department acknowledges that advancements in battery technology have enabled higher energy densities per battery enclosure. Consequently, the Department is satisfied that the proposed increase in maximum energy storage capacity to 963 MWh can be accommodated within the available area, with sufficient separation between battery enclosures to minimise the risk of fire propagation.

It is noted that the increase in battery storage capacity would not increase the number of BESS containers, the BESS footprint, predicted noise levels or the number of heavy vehicles or heavy vehicles requiring escort under the Development Consent.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, in accordance with Schedule 3, Condition 1 of the development consent I agree to the increase in the total battery energy storage capacity to 963 MWh.

If you have any questions, please contact Keren Halliday on (02) 8289 6444.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary