Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Subject: Steel River East BESS (SSD-77450458) – Condition B1(a) Heavy Vehicle Increase Request

Dear Dr. Kosklin,

I refer to your letter dated 18 September 2026, submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to increase the number of heavy vehicles in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition B1 (a) of the Development Consent for Steel River East Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Development Consent (SSD-77450458).

The request is to temporarily increase heavy vehicle movements from 20 per day (a maximum of 2 per hour) to 40 per day (a maximum of 8 per hour) on days when concrete pours are undertaken, as per Condition B1(a).

The Department notes the Heavy Vehicle Increase Request:

- consultation has been conducted with City of Newcastle Council and the council does not object to the proposal;
- PLUS Grid Storage will notify site neighbours of the temporary increase and duration in heavy vehicle movements;
- traffic control measures will continue to be implemented on site;
- concrete pours to occur intermittently until the end of February 2027;
- the increase in heavy vehicles numbers is for only the concrete trucks delivering concrete from the Heidelberg Materials batching plant adjacent to the site;
- due to the close proximity of the concrete supplier, the surrounding road network can accommodate the additional heavy vehicle traffic generated by the project during these concrete pours, without compromising road safety or operational efficiency;

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve to temporarily increase heavy vehicle movements to 40 per day on days when concrete pours are undertaken until the end of February 2027, as per Condition B1(a).

The Traffic Management Plan is to be revised and approved to reflect the temporarily increase heavy vehicle movements to 40 per day (a maximum of 8 per hour) on days when concrete pours are undertaken until the end of February 2027.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Scotney Moore on (02) 9274 6342.

Yours sincerely



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Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary