

Our ref: Smithfield Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-59325460)

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Subject: Request to waive requirement for Biodiversity Development Assessment Report

Dear Mr Tissandier

I refer to correspondence dated 09 June 2023 requesting to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be lodged with the development application for the Smithfield Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-59325460).

The Department has consulted with the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) and has reviewed the information provided in the BDAR waiver application and has determined that the proposed development is not likely to have a significant impact on biodiversity values. The application, therefore, does not need to be accompanied by a BDAR. A copy of BCD's advice is attached.

Accordingly, as delegate for the Planning Secretary, I have determined that a waiver under section 7.9 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 is granted for the proposed development.

Please note that if the proposed development is changed so that it is no longer as described in Schedule 1 of BCS's determination report, you will need to lodge a new BDAR waiver request or prepare a BDAR.

Additionally, please note that there are no other changes to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the proposed development on 13 July 2023.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Brittany Golding on 02 9995 5742.

Yours sincerely



Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Attached: BCD Letter