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Subject: Wellington South BESS – Request to Stage Strategies, Plans and Programs

Dear Mr North,

I refer to your correspondence dated 24 April 2024, requesting approval to submit strategies, plans and programs on a staged basis for the Wellington South BESS.

The Department has considered your request to construct the BESS in two separate stages as allowed under Condition C3 of Schedule 2. After careful review, I am satisfied that it is reasonable to construct the BESS in the two key stages as described.

On reviewing the details provided and considering experience with other similar projects, the staging of strategies and plans will be needed to assist in the timely delivery of the post approval tasks required to address the conditions of the development consent.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I conditionally approve the construction of the BESS in two key stages including the sub-stages described below:

- Stage 1: will include 300 MW installed discharge capacity, civil and enabling works including the road upgrade and site access, installation of batteries, one transformer and switchgear and associated structural, mechanical and electrical works, and connection to the TransGrid substation.
 - 1a: construction of the road upgrades or maintenance works to the public road network, building/road dilapidation surveys, installation of fencing, artefact survey and/or salvage, overhead line safety marking and geotechnical drilling and/or surveying;
 - 1b: commence construction of a 300 MW BESS including site access way, civil works, installation of batteries, associated structural mechanical and electrical works (excluding heavy vehicles requiring escort);
 - 1c: continuation of the construction of a 300 MW BESS, including heavy vehicle requiring escort movements associated with stage 1; and
 - 1d: operation of the 300 MW BESS.

- Stage 2: will consist of 200 MW installed discharge capacity, civil and enabling works, including installation of a second transformer and associated switchgear and batteries, and connection to the TransGrid substation. Stage 2 will commence construction following completion of Stage 1 construction.
 - 2a: commence construction of the 200 MW BESS including civil works, installation of batteries, associated structural mechanical and electrical works; and
 - 2b: operation of the 200 MW BESS.

The management plans including the environmental management strategy and traffic management plan should reflect the relevant stages of the development.

It is also noted that the decommissioning of the BESS at the end of life should be included as the final stage of the project.

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 Keren Halliday on 02 82896444.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', with a stylized, cursive script.

Iwan Davies
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary