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Subject: Wellington South BESS – Staging Approval

Dear Mr. Yates

I refer to your submission dated 30 June 2025 requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to further stage the project, and management plans, in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition C3 of the Development Consent for Wellington South BESS (SSD-27014706).

The project was previously staged to separate the construction and operation of the BESS into Stage 1 – 300 MW and Stage 2 – 200 MW.

This request seeks to vary the construction of the BESS into two stages, the first stage excluding the delivery/installation of batteries and high-risk heavy vehicles requiring escort, the second stage including the delivery/installation of batteries, and excluding high-risk heavy vehicles requiring escort.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions in the Development Consent.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the staging of the project 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 the delivery/installation of the batteries and high-risk heavy vehicles requiring escort);

- 1c: continuation of the construction of a 300 MW BESS including the delivery/installation of the batteries (excluding high risk heavy vehicles requiring escort)
  - 1d: continuation of the construction of a 300 MW BESS, including high risk heavy vehicle requiring escort movements associated with Stage 1; and
  - 1e: 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.
- Stage 3: Decommissioning

The management plans including the environmental management strategy, traffic management plan and Fire Safety Study should be revised to reflect these relevant stages of the development.

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 Wayne Jones on (0-2) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary