## Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



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Subject: Wellington South BESS – Fire Safety Study

Dear Mr Yeates

I refer to your submission requesting review and approval of the Fire Safety Study in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition B29 of the Development Consent for the Wellington South BESS Project (SSD-27014706).

I note the Fire Safety Study:

- has been prepared in consultation with FRNSW; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Fire Safety Study (Rev 3, Dated 23 October 2025).

## Additionally, FRNSW note:

- 1. All relevant stakeholders, including as a minimum the owner, operator and insurers, need to be made aware of the following:
  - a. In the event of a significant fire involving a BESS unit, FRNSW may be unable to intervene given the hazards associated with the BESS, including potential electricity risks, explosion potential, toxic gases, etc.
  - b. In the event FRNSW are required to respond to an incident, there is the potential that incidents involving BESS units can be protracted.
- 2. A potential incident at a BESS facility may be deemed a "hazardous material incident" in accordance with Section 3 of the Fire and Rescue NSW Act 1989 No 192.

Please ensure you make the Fire Safety Study publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

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Director

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary