

Our ref: SSD-52786213-PA-23

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Subject: Request to vary high risk OSOM route

Dear Ms Zorondo

I refer to your submission dated 22 January 2026, submitted in accordance with Condition B4, Part B of Calala Battery Energy Storage System Development Consent (SSD-52786213), requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to vary the route for heavy vehicles requiring escort (high risk OSOM). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review and request for additional information including the response from Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

It is understood that Tamworth Regional Council (Council) advised the approved route is not appropriate for heavy vehicles requiring escort. Council has provided support for the proposed route via Kia Ora Lane, Ascot-Calala Road, Burgmans Lane, Burgess Lane and Calala Lane, as shown in the Figure attached to your submission (Reference: RT\_CAL\_10003\_00345\_01 date 21/01/2026).

The Department notes your submission dated 22 January 2026 confirmed that the proposed route for heavy vehicles requiring escort (via Kia Ora Lane, Ascot-Calala Road, Burgmans Lane, Burgess Lane and Calala Lane) would not require any road upgrade works to facilitate travel. As such, additional assessment for potential heritage and biodiversity impacts is not required. The Department also notes that TfNSW has reviewed the request and provided conditional support for the proposed route, subject to the provision of a supplementary route analysis.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, in accordance with Condition B4, Part B of the Calala Battery Energy Storage System Development Consent (SSD-52786213), I agree to the use of the proposed route for heavy vehicles requiring escort, subject to the following conditions:

- All heavy vehicles requiring escort must use the access route via Kia Ora Lane, Ascot-Calala Road, Burgmans Lane, Burgess Lane and Calala Lane as shown in the Figure attached to your submission (Reference: RT\_CAL\_10003\_00345\_01 date 21/01/2026).
- The variation to the route applies only to heavy vehicles requiring escort (high risk OSOM movements).
- There are no changes to the approved access routes for light vehicles and heavy vehicles as outlined in Development Consent SSD-52786213.
- Any conditions of consent that apply to the originally approved access route for heavy vehicles requiring escort under Development Consent SSD-52786213 also apply to the new access route (via Kia Ora Lane, Ascot-Calala Road, Burgmans Lane, Burgess Lane and Calala Lane), without limitation. These include (but

are not limited to) requirements associated with independent dilapidation surveys (Condition B8) and the protection of biodiversity values outside the approved disturbance areas (Condition B16).

- Community consultation (minimum letter drop no less than 48 hours before each movement) must be undertaken along the new access route prior to each heavy vehicle movement requiring escort. Any concerns or issues raised by the community must be reported to the Department as soon as practicable.
- A supplementary route analysis (including revised bridge assessments, if required, based on consultation with the TfNSW Freight Operations team), confirming that the revised laden configurations will not require further modifications to the route to enable delivery of the proposed high-risk OSOM transformer must be provided to the satisfaction of TfNSW.
- The Traffic Management Plan (TMP) must be updated, in consultation with TfNSW and Council, to address the new access route for heavy vehicles requiring escort prior to the use of heavy vehicles requiring escort.
- When the updated TMP is approved, induction materials including figures showing the approved routes and the Drivers Code of Conduct must be updated and communicated with relevant drivers.

If you have any questions, please contact Keren Halliday, who can be contacted on 02 8289 6444.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary