

Notice of Decision

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	Part 4 Development Application
Application number and project name	DA25/6636
Applicant	The Trustee for AE BESS 2 Unit Trust
Consent Authority	Planning Secretary

Decision

The A/Director Industry Assessments, under delegation from the Planning Secretary has, under section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) granted consent to the development application subject to conditions.

A copy of the development consent and conditions is available [here](#).

A copy of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's assessment report is available [here](#).

Date of decision

7 November 2025

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the relevant matters listed in section 4.15 of the Act and the additional matters listed in the statutory context section of the Department's assessment report;
- the prescribed matters under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021;
- the objects of the Act;
- the considerations under s 7.7 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW);
- all information submitted to the Department during the assessment of the development application;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's assessment report; and
- the views of the community about the development (see Attachment 1).

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's assessment report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The key reasons for granting consent to the development application are as follows:

- the development would provide a range of benefits for the region as a whole, including
 - generation of additional local employment during construction, operation and decommissioning
 - additional investment towards improving the reliability of the energy network, and storage and firming capacity to the National Energy Market
 - enabling storage of energy and release during peak consumption times, contributing to grid stability
 - payment of a monetary contribution of \$100,000 per annum, plus CPI, for a period of 20 years to Council via an agreed Planning Agreement to contribute to infrastructure upgrades within the Moree LGA and for local training and education;
- the development is permissible with development consent, and is consistent with NSW Government strategic policies including the Moree Special Activation Precinct Master Plan and Moree Special Activation Precinct Delivery Plan;
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the development is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

As the authority responsible for delivery of development in the Special Activation Precinct, the NSW Regional Growth and Development Corporation carried out a range of engagement activities with the community and government stakeholders during development of the Moree Special Activation Precinct Master Plan and Delivery Plan.

Following lodgement of the Statement of Environmental Effects it was placed on exhibition from 21 May 2025 until 3 June 2025. During the exhibition, the Department did not receive any public submissions. Advice was received from six government authorities, and two utility providers.

Moree Plains Shire Council provided comments during the exhibition period, however, did not make a formal submission.

As the Department did not receive any submissions from the community or Council during the exhibition period, no consideration of community views is required.