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To whom it may concern,

In 2016, the NSW Government leased part of NSW's transmission and distribution network to private interests. These privately managed network businesses are referred to as Authorised Network Operators (ANOs) by the Electricity Network Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2015 (Authorised Transactions Act).

The NSW Government has prescribed the ANOs as prescribed determining authorities for the purposes of section 111A of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and the definition of "public authority" under section 4(1) of that Act. That prescription allows an ANO to be a Part 5 Determining Authority for Development for the purposes of an electricity transmission or distribution network. As a determining authority, an ANO can assess and self-determine Activities that are not likely to significantly affect the environment and are conducted by or on behalf of the ANO for the purpose of electricity transmission or distribution.

In this context, for the 5MW 11kV connected battery energy storage system (BESS) developments lodged by Hive Battery Developments Pty Ltd, Ausgrid (as an ANO) will provide the planning approvals relating to Ausgrid distribution network extensions and augmentations (including any overhead or underground powerlines switchgear and associated assets that are proposed to form part of the Ausgrid distribution network). Ausgrid determinations and approvals are undertaken in accordance with Ausgrid Network Standard NS174 *Environmental Procedures*, Ausgrid Network Standard NS174B *Environmental Assessment Guidelines* and SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) CL 2.44.

Environmental reports and assessments that have been prepared by Accredited Service Providers, are reviewed, verified and approved by Ausgrid's own suitably qualified staff. Refer <https://enviro.ausgrid.com.au/Enviro-new-home> for further information and details.

It is understood Hive Battery Developments Pty Ltd will be submitting Development Approval applications to Local Government for the privately owned BESS facility and access roads.

regards

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