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Northern Battery Project – Engagement Report (ER)



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1 Purpose

This report has been prepared by MasterPlan SA Pty Ltd on behalf of Davenport BESS Pty Ltd ATF Davenport BESS 2 Trust (the **Project Company**).

The Project Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Green Gold Energy Pty Ltd (**GGE**) and was established for the purposes of developing the Northern Battery Project. GGE have entered into a joint venture arrangement with AMPYR Energy to deliver the Northern Battery project at 420 Northern Power Station Road, Port Paterson in South Australia (the 'subject land').

The purpose of the engagement is:

To provide detailed information to the community on the proposed Battery Energy Storage System development, as part of the Associated Infrastructure Licence application process. A key focus of this engagement is to identify elements of the environment that the community consider have environmental value or significance, and to gain feedback regarding the various phases of the proposed renewable energy project at Port Paterson.

The views of stakeholders are important to the assessment of environmental impacts associated with proposed operations, and the development of environmental objectives.

This report details the engagement that has been undertaken, the outcomes of the engagement including a summary of the feedback made and the response to the feedback and the changes to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO). In addition, the report evaluates the effectiveness of the engagement and the principles of the approved Engagement Plan. Changes to the engagement plan during the process are also outlined.

2 Introduction

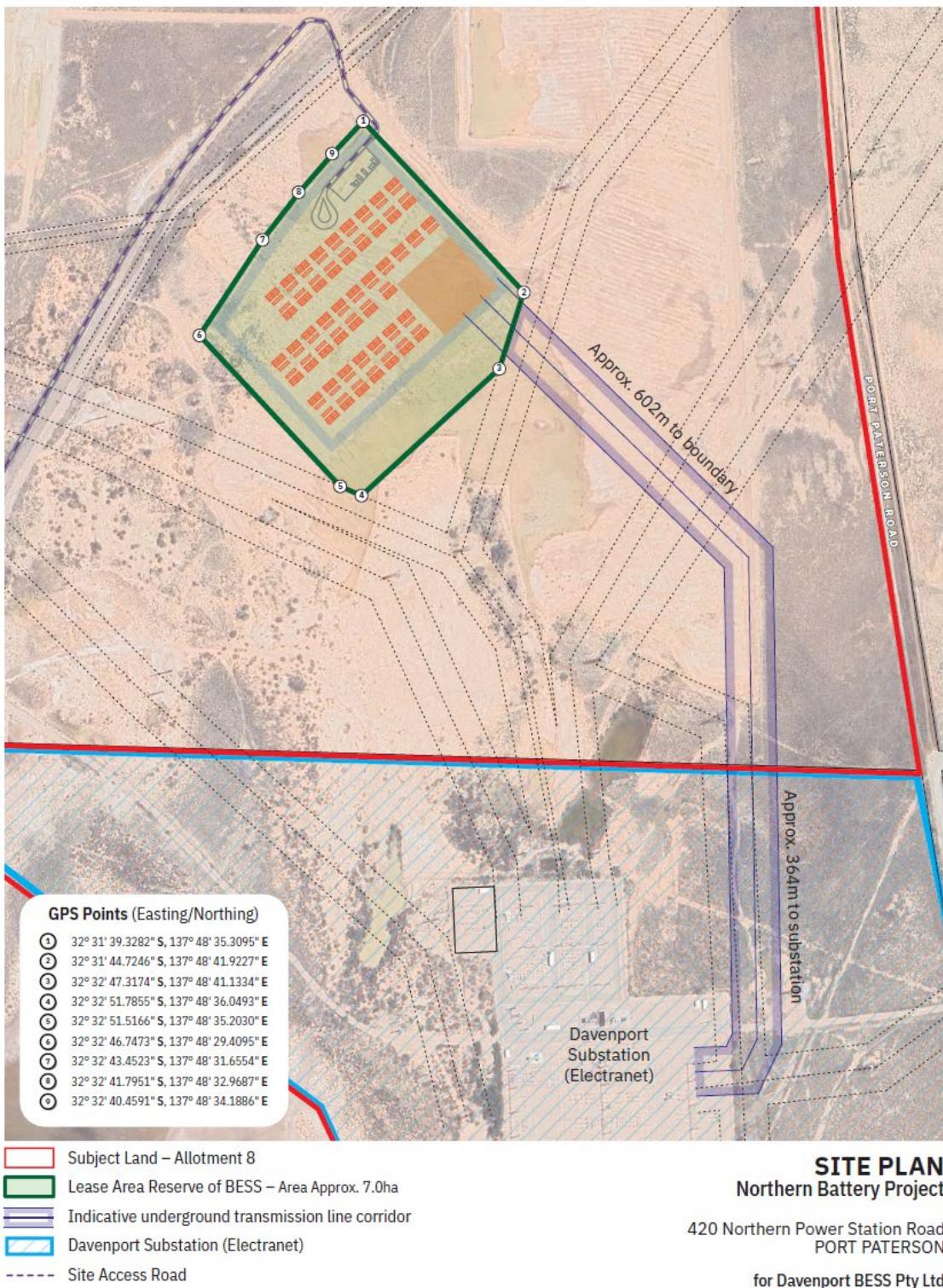
The Project Company has applied for an Associated Infrastructure Licence (AIL) for the development of the Northern Battery project, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Located within the Port Augusta City Council, the subject land is located south-east of Port Augusta, south-west of North Stirling and 300km north of Adelaide. The subject land formerly contained the Northern Power Station, which was closed in 2016 and has subsequently been demolished. The Northern Battery project development site is a small portion of the subject land within an area of the allotment (shown on **Figure 1** below). The development site is contained in the Strategic Employment (SE) Zone under the South Australian Planning and Design Code.

The Project Company is seeking a licence to develop a BESS, substation, and related infrastructure. The project incorporates a BESS with a nameplate capacity of up to 270 MW, comprising approximately 208 batteries with nominal 1043.1 MWh storage capacity.

As an ‘associated infrastructure activity’, the proposed BESS licence application is submitted to the Minister for Energy and Mining for determination in accordance with Section 31 of the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023* (HRE Act).

In accordance with the HRE Act and *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Regulations 2024* (HRE Regs), an AIL licence application requires the preparation of a Community Consultation Plan which outlines the consultation to be undertaken with key stakeholders and the community, and a report on the outcomes of the consultation undertaken (this report).



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Figure 1: Site of the Development

3 Why Prepare an Engagement Report

Preparation of the Associated Infrastructure Licence pursuant to the HRE Act, requires consultation on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO). Sections 61(4) and 63(3) of the HRE Act, establish the requirement for consultation on the EIR and SEO, with regulation 33 setting out the requirement and manner for this to be undertaken by the Proponent.

Regulation 33 of the HRE Regs establishes the requirements for a consultation plan (also referred to as an engagement plan), which must be submitted to the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) prior to the consultation occurring. A consultation plan was submitted and approved by DEM with the draft EIR and SEO deemed suitable for consultation.

Pursuant to Regulation 33(4) of the HRE Regs, the results of the consultation must be set out in a report (this report), which includes:

- The persons consulted;
- Any issues of concern raised by person consulted; and
- The steps (if any) taken or proposed to be taken by the licensee (the Project Company) to address those concerns.

This Engagement Report has been prepared to provide the abovementioned information and is attached to an updated EIR (dated January 2026) pursuant to Regulation 33(5) of the HRE Regs.

4 Engagement Approach

The HRE Act requires community engagement on renewable energy licences, such as the Associated Infrastructure Licence (AIL) proposed for the Northern Battery Project by the Project Company located at Port Paterson. The purpose of the engagement is to inform the community about the project and seek their feedback into the application for the AIL.

Community engagement for the Northern Battery Project was undertaken during the month of November 2025. All relevant comments received from the public during the consultation process have been noted (**summarised below**) and adjustments have been undertaken to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and/or Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) as considered appropriate.

Key information was provided to relevant stakeholders, including:

- Proponent information and background;
- Technology proposed to be utilised;
- Project Scope;
- Project Location;
- Project Lifecycle;
- Project Cost;
- Environmental Impact overview;
- Regulatory Processes and Timeframes; and
- Construction, Operation and Decommissioning

Information was disseminated via a range of channels, including:

- A dedicated project website – www.northernbattery.com.au;
- Direct contact – landowners and occupiers (primary and secondary);
- Direct contact – identified Key Stakeholders (including the Port Augusta Council, Government Agencies);
- Printed collateral (flyers and letters);
- Local media – print newspaper advertisement, media releases, radio interviews;
- Social media; and
- Council distribution channels (website).

In addition to the methods identified above, the Project Company also undertook a community drop-in information session and meeting with a local Community Reference Group (CRG), which was in addition to the techniques identified in the Engagement Plan endorsed by DEM.

5 Engagement Activities

The engagement activities outlined **below** were undertaken during November 2025 in accordance with the Stakeholder and Community Mapping outlined in the Engagement Plan.

There will be ongoing engagement with a variety of stakeholders, some of which have provided preliminary comments and others which have sought additional time in which to provide comments. Some government stakeholders have sought additional time in which to provide comment, and this is considered appropriate as it will assist in informing those agencies of the project prior to the statutory consultation process undertaken by DEM.

The project website and key contacts for the project (via email) remain open to receive community comments during the processing of the licence application and into the construction phase of the project.

A summary of the comments received during the engagement process are included in **Table 1** below and outlined further in **Section 6**.

5.1 People/Organisation Consulted

Table 1 provides details of the persons or organisations that were consulted during the engagement process, as well as the method of consultation and a summary of the response(s) received.

Table 1: People/Organisations Consulted

Description of People/Organisation Consulted	Method of Consultation	Response
Owners and occupiers of land within the subject land.		
Port Augusta Operations Ltd Registered (Proprietor of land)	Personal communications.	No formal response.
Hallett Construction Materials Pty Ltd (Leasee)	Email and personal communications.	Noted development with no specific comments. Discussion regarding provision of water.
ElectraNet Pty Ltd (Easement on land)	Email and personal communications.	Discussions relating to grid connection. Email response relating to necessary approvals, including cultural heritage.
SA Power Networks (Easement on land)	Email.	No formal response.
Port Augusta City Council (Easements on land)	Personal communications.	Refer summary of discussions in Section 5.5 .

Description of People/Organisation Consulted	Method of Consultation	Response
Environment Protection Authority (Register of site contamination)	Email.	No formal response.
Cryptid Clean Energy Pty Ltd (Petroleum Exploration Licence (PELA 749))	Email.	No formal response.
Torrens Energy (SA) Pty Ltd (Geothermal Exploration Licence (GEL 572))	Email.	No formal response.
Owners and occupiers of land immediately adjacent the site of the development (within 1km)		
Owners/Occupiers in Rural Living Area	Door knock and in person discussions; flyer/information left in 'letterbox'.	<p>Personal discussions with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land owner (Marie) from 190 Port Paterson Road. • Land owner (Tim) from 15 Mary MacKillop Road. • Land owner (Vicki) from 40 Port Paterson Road – comments regarding dust; site more appropriate than previous proposals. • Land owner (David) from 90 Port Paterson Road – a volunteer with Metropolitan Fire Service and suggested they may be interested in the project. • Land owner (Ian) from 21 Mary MacKillop Road – some concerns regarding location, but genuinely supportive and doesn't think it would impact his house. • Land owner (Parmgit) from 75 Mary MacKillop Road.
Owners and occupiers of land generally within 2km of the site of the development		
Various	Direct Mail Solutions unaddressed mail (including flyer) to properties generally within a 2km radius of the site as identified in the Engagement Plan.	No written responses received and other communications did not specifically identify interested persons as being from within the area.

Description of People/Organisation Consulted	Method of Consultation	Response
Owners and Occupiers of Wider Community		
Wider Community	Media releases; media (mainstream print, radio); social media (website, Facebook); flyers; community drop-in session; project website and contact with community groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct discussions with approximately 25 people at community information drop-in session. Follow up telephone discussions with some attendees of the community information drop-in session. Interest expressed by members of the community in community benefit funds/sharing activities. Suppliers of goods and services have contacted the project team and held discussions during the consultation process.
	Meeting with Port Augusta Community Reference Group.	10 people in attendance at meeting – site considered appropriate and positive response; questions regarding local supplies/employment; question regarding dust.
	Discussions with TACTIC.	Discussions regarding local employment opportunities.
Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	Email and direct communication; on-site walkover.	Location of project is a disturbed area, with some requirement to examine the underground transmission route.
Nukuna Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation	Email and direct communication.	Agreement to continue discussion and work in partnership.
Port Augusta Flying Club	Email.	No response received.
Stirling North Airfield (owners/operators)	Email.	No response received.
State Member for Stuart, the Hon Geoff Brock MP	Personal communications.	Refer Section 5.5 for summary.
Federal Member for Grey – Tom Venning MP	Email.	Meeting currently being arranged for mid-December 2025.
Regional Development Australia – Far North	Email.	CEO of RDA FN attended the CRG meeting and follow up discussions.
Department for Infrastructure and Transport (Transport division)	Email.	No formal response.
Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS), Department for Housing and Urban Development	Email.	Detailed written response supportive of the Project. Refer Section 5.5 below for summary.

Description of People/Organisation Consulted	Method of Consultation	Response
Native Vegetation Council	Email.	Detailed written response received. Refer Section 5.5 below for summary.
Country Fire Service (CFS)	Email and personal communication.	CFS provided detailed checklist of information required to assess the proposal. Discussions about design matters for resolution and future fire and emergency management plans. Ongoing liaison.
Department for Environment and Water	Email.	Indicated unable to provide response due to resourcing considerations.
SA Arid Lands Landscapes Board (SAALLB)	Email.	Written response from SAALLB. Refer Section 5.5 for summary.
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation	Email.	Written response. Refer Section 5.5 for summary.
Office of the Technical Regulator	Email.	Written response highlighting additional references for EIR.

5.2 Project Website and Information

A dedicated project website has been established to promote the project www.northernbattery.com.au. The project website includes information about the project and its generating capacity, its location, the approval process, and provides contact details for any person wanting further information. In addition, the website provides links to the draft Environmental Impact Report and draft Statement of Environmental Objectives, along with a range of Frequently Asked Questions, many of which relate to potential environmental impacts.

The project website was promoted through various letters and flyers made available to adjoining land owners and occupiers, stakeholders and the community generally. An example of this information material is included in **Attachment A**.

Comments received via emails and/or phone calls to contact persons listed on the letters and flyers, have been recorded in a stakeholder engagement register. Contact via these sources have generally been seeking further information on the project and/or have provided comments of a broad nature, most of which have been positive.

5.3 Media

A major media campaign launching the project occurred during the consultation project and involved the following:

- The Advertiser, SA (syndicated): Revealed: Plans for huge battery at Port Augusta's old power station site.
- Renew Economy: "This is the energy future:" Eight-hour battery gets new owner and new location at site of state's last coal plant.
- PV Magazine: Ampyr to relocate 270 MW Davenport BESS to decommissioned coal station.
- Eco Voice: AMPYR and Green Gold Energy to transform Port Augusta coal site with next-generation battery storage.
- Energy Source & Distribution News: AMPYR acquires battery project from Green Gold Energy.
- ABC Radio:
 - ABC North and West SA – Alex Wonhas' interview 7:12am
 - ABC North and West SA pre interview 6:45am (*news segment covering the announcement*)
 - ABC North and West SA post interview 8:00am (*news segment covering the announcement*)
- Energy Storage News: Ampyr Australia acquires 2,160MWh grid-forming BESS project in South Australia.
- Renewables Now: Aussie BESS project of 270 MW to be relocated under AMPYR ownership.
- Project Finance International: Ampyr agrees to buy Davenport BESS.

In addition to the above media coverage, local promotion of the project occurred via the Port Augusta City Council which promoted the project as a major project on Council's website (including a link to the project website) and utilised Council's Facebook page to promote the Community Information Session.

Social media articles on the project were also included on both the GGE and AMPYR social media accounts. As a result of this promotion, these social media accounts successfully provided contact with one of the adjoining land owners.

5.4 Direct Landowner Contact

Within the site of the former Northern Power Station, which is proposed to accommodate the BESS development, is a 'green cement' industry operated by Hallett Group. As part of consultation on the project, direct contact and discussions were undertaken with the Hallett Group. No specific comments were provided by the Hallett Group, who have noted the proposed location and form of development.

The land owners/occupiers in the locality were identified as a group of people who would be interested in the impacts of the project, particularly in relation to traffic movement, visual appearance, noise, air quality (dust), ecology/native vegetation and hazards/fire impacts. Information was provided to adjacent owners/occupiers by direct contact (personal contact (door knocks and/or arranged meetings), provision of letters/brochures and by follow up emails and phone discussions. Discussions have been held with at least six (6) landowners/occupiers from the rural living area to the south-east of the site.

Owners/occupiers within a 2km radius were provided with project information via delivery of 'unaddressed mail' by Direct Mail Solutions.

Overwhelmingly, the comments received from land owners/occupiers in the locality of the project site were positive. Some concerns were expressed in relation to the potential for dust from the activities associated with the project. Comments were received from several local community members that the former power station site was a more appropriate location for a BESS rather than some proposals within and around houses of the rural living area. Other projects members of the community have been concerned about traffic within the rural living area and were pleased to note that vehicles accessing the site would utilise Northern Power Station Road and not Port Paterson Road.

5.5 Key Stakeholder Discussions

5.5.1 Port Augusta City Council

Representatives of the Project Company met with Port Augusta City Council Chief Executive Officer and Director of Infrastructure to discuss the project, as a follow up discussion from the project introduction meeting which had occurred in September 2025. The Project Company has also provided email updates on the project to the Mayor. During the meeting in November 2025, a range of topics were covered, including details on the project and its connection to the Davenport substation; vehicle access; engagement with local Indigenous communities; employment opportunities for the community; the shortage of workforce accommodation in the city; and matters regarding rating of renewable energy projects and community benefit schemes.

During the discussions with Council staff, there were no express concerns raised about the project, rather a desire for further ongoing communication as the project progresses.

5.5.2 First Nations

Both the Nukunu Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation and Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC were noted as parties interested in the project and its potential impacts on undocumented built heritage and archaeological features of heritage significance.

Discussions have occurred with both the Nukunu and Kokatha representatives and further investigations are underway, with the key matter for concern being the proposed alignment of the underground transmission connection to the Davenport substation. Further, a site visit has been undertaken by Kokatha representatives.

5.5.3 Office of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation

Written comments were received from Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) which encourages consultation with all local indigenous communities, including Nukuna, Kokatha and Barngarla. Further comments were made in relation to updated fact sheets which should be referenced due to changes in legislation regarding discovery protocols for inclusion in future Construction Environment Management Plans (CEMP) and Operational Management Plans (OMP). These comments are considered constructive and incorporated into the updated EIR.

5.5.4 *South Australian Country Fire Service*

The South Australian Country Fire Service (SA CFS) provided the Project Company with a detailed checklist of information to be assessed as part of the consultation process regarding fire risk for BESS developments. This information was reviewed and completed to a stage suitable for further engagement with CFS representatives.

During this consultation process it was identified further clarity of information was required on the proposal plans which clearly identify vehicle access within and around the perimeter of the site, confirmation of the Vegetation Management Zone (VMZ), and the size and location of water storage and/or hydrant systems.

Additional information was included on a fire management plan, which along with the completed checklist, formed the basis of the discussions with the SA CFS. Ongoing discussions will be required during the detailed planning of the site prior to construction, and as part of the preparation of a fire and emergency management plan and OMP. Site layout and fire management controls to be resolved have been identified accordingly in the updated EIR.

5.5.5 *Hon Geoff Brock*

Representatives of the Project Company met with the Hon. Geoff Brock MP, State Member for Stuart, to discuss the project and undertake a site visit (refer **Figure 2**). The Hon Member was provided with a project overview and status report and discussions regarding community benefits and long-term benefit sharing were undertaken at length.



Figure 2: Photograph of Hon Geoff Brock On-site with Representative of the Project Company

5.5.6 *Office of the Technical Regulator*

The Office of the Technical Regulator provided technical advice on reporting requirements for the SEO and recommend the inclusion of Regulation 70 of the *Electricity (General) Regulations 2012*, in combination with Section 63 of the *Electricity Act 1996*.

5.5.7 *Department for Environment and Water*

Initial advice has been received from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) seeking further time in which to review and co-ordinate a response from agencies within the Department. Subsequent advice was received which indicated DEW would not be providing comments at this time.

5.5.8 *South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board*

The South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAALLB) has provided written comment which seeks clarification regarding:

- Vegetation regeneration techniques to be employed (as outlined in the EIR);
- Suggest additional declared plant species be added to the EIR;
- Seeks removal of declared plant species prior to construction;
- Offers assistance regarding the provision of Significant Environmental Benefits (SEB) offsets for native vegetation that would be cleared to facilitate the development; and
- Seeks clarification on management of waste.

These constructive comments provided by SAALLB are addressed in the updated EIR (January 2026).

5.5.9 *Department for Energy and Mining*

Representatives of the Project Company met with senior staff of the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) to outline the project. DEM were already aware of the project and the Associated Infrastructure Licence application and encouraged the continued assessment of the project pursuant to the HRE Act processes.

5.5.10 *Department for Housing and Urban Development*

Written comments were received from the Department for Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) raised no objection to the development noting:

“the existing land use zoning supports such activities, subject to any interface impacts being managed. Operational noise appears to be the main issue re: potential disturbance to sensitive receptors, although noise mitigation measures (as modelled) can achieve compliance with the noise standard (EPA to confirm). In general terms, a BESS is a relatively benign development in its situational context, with the main issues during construction of such a development in a semi-arid environment, where dust and erosion control need to be carefully managed (and should remain the clear focus of any future CEMP). We note the landscape approach, which in this location will need to be practically implemented (i.e., natural reveg), but question use of “irrigation” and “semi-advanced feedstock, rather than an approach that prepares the ground surface (veg strip) to maximize the best possible outcomes, and to retain and channel what natural surface flows are available to promote longer-term growth (but defer to the landscape advice)”.

Comments included in the DHUD advice in relation to a future CEMP and landscaping approach are noted.

5.5.11 Native Vegetation Council

The Native Vegetation Council (NVC) provided detailed comments on the proposed BESS development and the Native Vegetation Data Report which formed part of the EIR. The NVC acknowledge that the proposed clearance is not seriously at variance with the principles of clearance and there is an intent to avoid and minimise clearance. Further details regarding regeneration of the area are sought to be included in the EIR and related CEMP and OMP.

NVC encourages recognition of the impact that the following events may have on native vegetation and/or biodiversity as potential receptors:

- Dust generation (impact ID AQ1),
- Vehicle impacts (impact ID E3),
- Soil contamination (HS1), or,
- Reduced ground/surface water quality (impact IDs WQES2 and WQES3).

In addition to this advice, it is noted that NVC has issued its preliminary advice regarding the formal clearance application pursuant to the *Native Vegetation Act 1991*, which raises no objection to the development subject to the satisfaction of the Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) once the approval for the BESS is issued.

5.5.12 ElectraNet

ElectraNet provided advice which indicated that they would require the proponent to obtain all necessary approvals for works on ElectraNet property, including development consents (PDI Act), native vegetation clearance and heritage approvals. Further information was provided in relation to ElectraNet’s standard requirements for cultural heritage investigations.

5.5.13 Other Key Stakeholders

In addition to the parties that have engaged with the Project Company, as outline above, contact has been made with various other parties identified in the Engagement Plan, however no correspondence has been received in return. Should any of these parties provide comment prior to the statutory engagement process, this Engagement Report will be updated accordingly.

5.6 Community Information Session

A drop-in community information session was held outside Woolworths Port Augusta on Monday, 24th November 2025 between the hours of 1.00pm and 4.30pm. The information session provided interested members of the public with an outline of the project and the opportunity to discuss the proposed development with members of the project team. It is estimated that approximately 25 people utilised this opportunity to discuss the project further (refer **Figure 3**).



Figure 3: Photographs of Community Drop-in Information Session

5.7 Community Reference Group Meeting

A meeting was held with representatives of the Port Augusta Community Reference Group. A presentation on the project was provided to the members in attendance (approximately 10 people), and an opportunity was afforded for questions and clarification (refer **Figure 4**).



Figure 4: Photograph of Community Reference Group Meeting

6 Engagement Outcomes

6.1 Summary of Outcomes

As contained in the summary of submissions (**Table 1**), there were five (5) written submissions received during the November 2025 consultation period and two (2) late submissions. These written comments included:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation
- South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board
- Department for Housing and Urban Development
- South Australian Country Fire Service
- Office of the Technical Regulator
- ElectraNet
- Native Vegetation Council.

Copies of these written submissions are contained in **Attachment B**.

There were no written submissions received from land owners/occupiers within the locality, or the community more generally. However, the views and opinions of the adjoining land owners/occupiers and the community have been gathered via personal meetings, comments received during the community drop-in session and email/phone conversations. Some members of the community contacted, including several land owners/occupiers with the rural living area to the east/south-east of the development, were not concerned about the development and did not seek further information or follow up from the Project Company.

The matters raised and/or comments made during the consultation period included:

6.1.1 *Community*

- Don't have a high level of interest.
- BESS project will have very little impact.
- Interested in technology to be employed and could a battery be installed on their property.
- Project in much better location than previous (within rural living area).
- Previous concerns regarding use of roads, amenity impacts and environmental impacts are overcome by the new location.
- Concerned about management of dust, particularly very fine dust that remains suspended in the air.
- Supportive of Northern Battery project.
- Desire to continue community reference group.
- Vehicle access via Northern Power Station Road supported.
- The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) may also have an interest in the development in the case of a fire emergency in the location of the BESS.
- Could a house solar system be connected to the battery.

- Local businesses with experience seeking to supply or work on project.
- Support project as it is in a good location.
- Battery site is already disturbed.
- Concern about trenching and potential disturbance to aboriginal heritage in the transmission line corridor.
- Would be appropriate if the transmission corridor was as close as possible to existing roads and transmission towers.
- Partnership discussions with Nukunu are underway.
- Water access.

6.1.2 *Government/Agency Comment*

- Community benefit fund contribution appears on low scale and need for long-term sharing.
- Workforce accommodation in short supply.
- Local employment and engagement with TACTIC.
- Consultation with Nukunu, Kokatha and Barngarla representatives.
- Cross references in SEO to regulation 70 of the *Electricity (General) Regulations 2012*, in combination with section 63 of the *Electricity Act 1996*.
- CFS design criteria as contained in checklist to be provided.
- Confirm landscaping approach to be taken.
- Options for on ground SEB.
- Reference to additional declared plant species be added to the EIR.
- Confirm removal of declared plant species prior to construction.
- Clarification required for management of waste.

6.2 *Response*

In response to the matters raised by the community and stakeholders during the consultation process, the following responses are proposed (**Table 2**).

Table 2: Table 3: Proposed Consultation Responses

Matter for Consideration		Response	Reference to Response in EIR/SEO
1	Concern regarding dust management.	<p>Acknowledge and note that dust management is a concern for local residents, particularly given the project site is within a former ash borrow pit and may be prone to disbursement of fine dust when disturbed.</p> <p>It is understood that former ash storage area, which is to the west of the proposed development site may be the source of some of the dust events linked to surface degradation. This highlights the importance of appropriate dust controls and minimising exposed surfaces.</p> <p>The control measures and leading performance indicators contained in the EIR have been reviewed to ensure measures to manage dust are appropriately detailed to suitably address air quality in accordance with the <i>Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016</i>.</p> <p>Ensure the Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) Objective 1: “<i>No significant dust generation/disturbance resulting from regulated activities in excess of the parameters outlined in the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016</i>” is suitably translated to future Construction Environmental Management Plan and Operational Management Plans.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation with landowners and occupiers in the locality, the Council and other identified stakeholders to ensure potential impacts are identified and methodology to manage these are appropriately documented.</p>	<p>EIR Air Quality AQ1.</p> <p>SEO Objective 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading performance criteria currently references air quality policies to be incorporated into CEMP and OMP. • Additional leading performance criteria included in SEO Objective 1 relating to ongoing community engagement with adjoining landowners and occupiers, Port Augusta Community Reference Group, local suppliers and Council.
2	Continue community reference group.	The Project Company will commit to continued liaison with the Port Augusta Community Reference Group during the approval and construction phases of the project.	<p>SEO Objective 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional leading performance criteria included in SEO Objective 1 relating to ongoing community engagement with adjoining landowners and occupiers, Port Augusta Community Reference Group and Council.
3	The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) may also be a respondent to a fire emergency in the location of the BESS.	<p>It is noted that the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is the primary provider of structural firefighting services in South Australia. Future Fire and Emergency Management Plans prepared for the project should be prepared in consultation with the CFS and provide the MFS with the opportunity to review the plan and be informed of site conditions.</p> <p>Update EIR to include reference MFS in control measures associated with fire management.</p>	EIR #FM1, #FM2, #FM3 and #FM4 control measures updated to include reference to liaison with MFS.
4	Engagement of local businesses to supply goods and services to the project.	Continue to liaise with Port Augusta City Council and organisations such as TACTIC to identify opportunities for local suppliers and employees.	SEO Objective 1 additional leading performance criteria included relating to ongoing community engagement with adjoining landowners and occupiers, Port Augusta Community Reference Group, local suppliers and Council.
5	Aboriginal Heritage.	<p>Continued liaison with Nukunu and Kokatha communities to undertake site investigations (as required) to inform the Project prior to construction and during this phase of development.</p> <p>Include Davenport substation area within investigations.</p> <p>Prepare a cultural heritage management plan (if/as required by Nukunu and Kokatha communities).</p>	<p>Additional references added in:</p> <p>EIR #CH1</p> <p>SEO OBJ4</p>
6	Aboriginal Heritage – Barngarla community.	<p>Acknowledge that AAR have indicated that Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation community may have an interest in the locality. The AGD-AAR search results provided to IHC (a project consultant) dated 21 August 2025, noted that only the Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Nukuna Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation had an interest in the land. The Engagement Plan and consultation to date was undertaken accordingly.</p> <p>The Project Company has sought advice from its cultural heritage consultants on the question of consultation with the Barngala community. Advice received is that the projects primary stakeholder is Nukunu Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation by virtue of the fact the project lies within their Native Title determination area.</p> <p>The Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation are being consulted as there is a registered heritage site adjacent to the project held by a Kokatha Elder.</p>	No specific reference in EIR or SEO regarding Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation community.

Matter for Consideration		Response	Reference to Response in EIR/SEO
7	Update reference documentation in EIR in relation to aboriginal heritage.	<p>Update EIR to reference Guide to Aboriginal Heritage in South Australia in Table 13.</p> <p>Include appropriate reference for discovery protocols in future CEMP and OMP.</p>	<p>Additional references added in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR Table 13 and #CH1 • SEO OBJ4
8	Community Benefit Fund	<p>Currently AMPYR have announced a Community benefit fund of \$40,000 per annum to provide assistance to a variety of local projects. Comments received regarding the adequacy of the fund may not realise that this is the initial funding amount whilst the project is in its current development phase and will increase as the project progresses through to construction and operation. The value of the fund is based on other similar BESS projects which have a contribution rate of \$150/MWh per annum.</p> <p>The establishment, management and application of the community fund will be the subject of continued discussions with Port Augusta City Council and community members regarding long term community benefit sharing.</p>	Discussion included in Section 4.9 of EIR and #SOC2 added, with SEO OBJ9 amended.
9	Workers Accommodation	<p>Provision of accommodation for workers for the project is anticipated to be serviced by a variety of accommodation forms, including rental of existing housing stock, utilisation of existing short-term accommodation and/or the establishment of dedicated workers accommodation camp(s). The option to establish a workers accommodation camp either on the subject land, on an adjacent site or another remote site is being considered. The proponent of the project owns land within the locality which could be utilised (subject to relevant approvals) to establish a temporary workers accommodation facility.</p> <p>Options maybe available to establish or utilise temporary workers accommodation facilities in conjunction with other projects (some of which maybe renewable energy projects). This option requires further investigation, particularly regarding timing of other projects.</p> <p>The proponent will continue discussions with Port Augusta City Council and relevant accommodation providers regarding provision of workers accommodation for the project.</p>	Discussion included in Section 4.9 of EIR and #SOC2 added, with SEO OBJ9 amended.
10	SEO references	In final SEO, cross reference regulation 70 of the <i>Electricity (General) Regulations 2012</i> SA, in combination with section 63 of the <i>Electricity Act 1996</i> in reporting requirements.	Additional references added as Section 3.2.4 in SEO.
11	Declared Pests	Update final EIR to reference omitted declared pest plants and removal of declared plant species prior to construction, in accordance with SALLB recommendation.	EIR Section 4.3.5 amended to include additional declared pest plants. EIR#DP1 updated.
12	Waste Management	Update final EIR regarding management of waste materials.	<p>Additional references added in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR#DP1 updated to include reference to management of waste in control measures and for inclusion in CEMP and OMP. • EIR - new Social environment, land use and infrastructure added (#SOC1) • SEO – new Objective 14 added
13	Native Vegetation	Update EIR to recognise of the impact that the following events may have on native vegetation and/or biodiversity as potential receptors.	<p>EIR updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dust generation (#AQ1), • Vehicle impacts (#E3), • Soil contamination (#HS1), or, • Reduced ground/surface water quality (#WQES2 and WQES3).

Matter for Consideration		Response	Reference to Response in EIR/SEO
14	Access to Water	<p>Water will be required for construction, dust suppression, equipment washing, worker facilities and potable use. Water required will principally be accessed via the current SA Water connection available to the subject land. Should insufficient mains water be available, water would be trucked to site and water tanks installed in the temporary construction area.</p> <p>Quantities of potable water required would typically be relatively low due to the infrequent requirement and small number of employees likely to be on site.</p> <p>Firefighting water requirements for a BESS configuration would be determined in consultation with the South Australian Country Fire Service and relevant design guidelines and requirements, including the South Australian Fire Authorities Above Ground Water Storage Tanks for Fire Fighting Purposes (SAFA, 2016) and the SA Metropolitan Fire Service Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Position Statement (MFS, 2022).</p>	No specific reference in EIR or SEO regarding provision of water.
15	South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAALLB)	<p>The SAALLB sought clarification regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation regeneration techniques to be employed (as outlined in the EIR); Suggest additional declared plant species be added to the EIR; Seeks removal of declared plant species prior to construction; Offers assistance regarding the provision of Significant Environmental Benefits (SEB) offsets for native vegetation that would be cleared to facilitate the development; and Seeks clarification on management of waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation techniques outlined in Landscaping Plan in visual assessment refer EIR #V1, EIR #E1, #NV1 and SEO OBJ.6 include statement that “vegetation preservation and revegetation protocols developed, approved and complied with for inclusion in the CEMP and OMP”. Additional declared plant species included in EIR Section 4.3.5 amended to include additional declared pest plants. EIR#DP1 updated. Additional control measure included in EIR #DP1 to remove identified pest plants within the development site prior to construction SEB proposed to be financial contribution, whilst noting SAALLB offer to assist with onground SEB. Additional references in relation to waste management added in: EIR#DP1 updated to include reference to management of waste in control measures and for inclusion in CEMP and OMP; EIR - new Social environment, land use and infrastructure added (#SOC1); SEO – new Objective 14 added.
16	ElectraNet	ElectraNet sought to ensure that all necessary approvals are obtained in relation to the development as it relates to Davenport substation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proponent has lodged a connection application with ElectraNet in relation to the connection of the BESS to the Davenport substation. The transmission line is proposed to be an underground connection to be operated by ElectraNet, which does not require an AIL under the HRE Act and is exempt from the PDI Act. The Proponent will address native vegetation clearance if/as required for the project including the Davenport substation The Proponent will undertake necessary cultural heritage investigations and liaison with indigenous communities in relation to Davenport substation.

7 Evaluation of Engagement

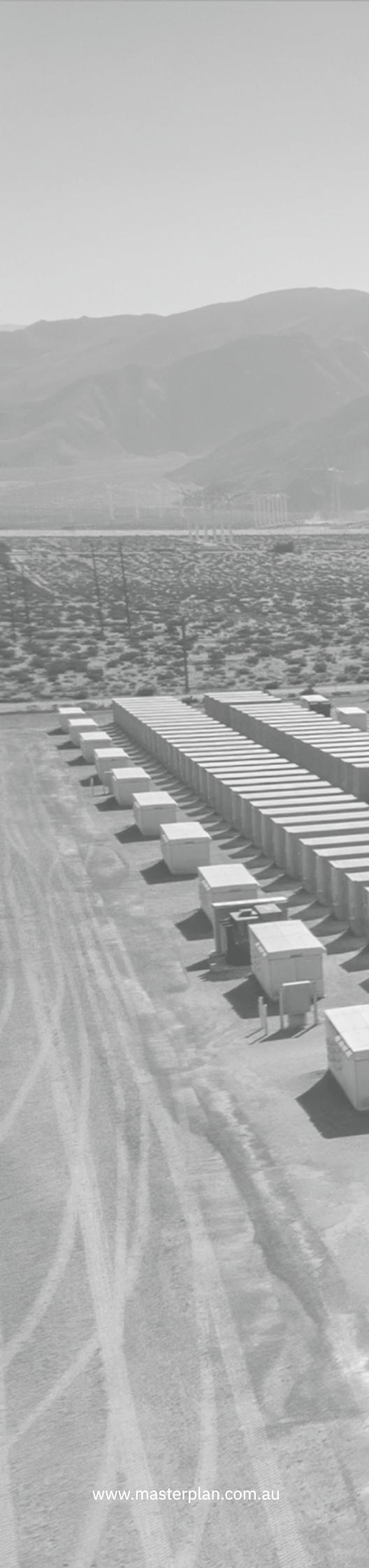
To ensure the principles of the effective engagement as outlined in the Engagement Plan are met, an evaluation of the engagement process for the Project is included in **Table 3**.

Table 4: Engagement Evaluation

Principles	How Does Your Engagement Approach/Activities Reflect this Principle in Action?	How Was This Principle Implemented?
Engagement is genuine	<p>The following techniques are incorporated in the engagement plan to provide suitable opportunity to participate in the engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable time is allocated to participate in consultation activities and provide feedback. • Representatives of the project team are available to discuss the project. • Ability to provide feedback via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal contact via phone or at community information session. • Electronically via project website or direct emails. • Written correspondence or survey. • Consultation material is provided directly to those most affected. 	<p>Consultation with the community and stakeholders occurred effectively for four (4) weeks in November 2025. It is evident from some comments received from Government Agencies that this four (4) week timeframe was insufficient. Whilst these comments are acknowledged, many Government Agencies will be provided the opportunity for further comment on the project as part of the statutory engagement process pursuant to the HRE Act.</p> <p>A concerted effort was made to engage with members of the community, particularly owners and occupiers of property in the locality. Other opportunities to explore the project were available to all members of the community.</p> <p>Community members were provided with multiple avenues to participate in the engagement, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses (via email) from project website or written responses directly via email. • Discussions in person at community drop-in session. • Discussions with project team members via telephone. • In person meetings. • Via the Community Reference Group meeting. <p>Written correspondence in the form of the 'fact sheet' and covering letter was delivered (in person) to people/households within the rural living area to the east-south east of the project site.</p> <p>Written information was delivered to properties within a 2km radius (generally area south of Augusta Highway) via delivery service.</p> <p>The project website was not 'live' at the commencement of the consultation period and has been updated during November. In mid-November 2025, there was significant media promoting the project at which time the project website was live.</p>

Principles	How Does Your Engagement Approach/Activities Reflect this Principle in Action?	How Was This Principle Implemented?
		<p>The capacity for community comment remains open and will continue to be received and considered.</p> <p>Upon reflection, the timeframe of four (4) weeks was optimistic, however genuine endeavours have been made through various techniques to provide information to the community and gather comments.</p>
Engagement is inclusive and respectful	<p>The variety of engagement techniques are suitable for the identified stakeholder groups, with a number of opportunities to be informed and provide feedback.</p> <p>Comments and feedback are appropriately recorded and considered.</p> <p>Engagement techniques are adaptable during the engagement period.</p>	<p>A variety of engagement techniques were utilised during the consultation. The techniques proposed in the engagement plan were widened to include a meeting of the Port Augusta Community Reference Group and a Community Drop-in information session, demonstrating a flexibility and willingness to broaden the scope of consultation.</p> <p>The variety of techniques and opportunity to provide feedback has been respectful, particularly given the personal availability of Project team members by phone, email and in person for meetings and the community drop-in information session.</p> <p>Comments and feedback have been recorded in a consultation register by the Project Company.</p>
Engagement is fit for purpose	<p>Engagement incorporates a variety of techniques to ensure the community of interest and the wider community are aware of the project and ability to provide feedback.</p> <p>The engagement is of an appropriate scale and form to reflect the likely impact of the project.</p> <p>The engagement information is presented in a manner which allows for ease of interpretation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly presented information in a graphical form, in addition to written material. • Information available in hard copy and electronically. • Ability for people to speak to a representative of the project team in person via phone or at a community information session. • Information is available from a range of sources for example, project website, Council website, and hard copies from Council office, library, community venues. 	<p>Given the scale and location of the proposed Northern Battery project in a relatively isolated, previously disturbed area of the former power station, the identified key stakeholders that were likely to be impacted was limited. The community of interest was appropriately identified primarily as the owners/occupiers of property within the rural living area to the east/south-east of the development site. Both the principal community of interest and the wider community had information available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From a variety of sources, including project website, council website, social media, mainstream media (newspaper and radio), fact sheets and letters; • Information was available in hard copy and electronically; • Members of the project team were available for in person meetings (on set dates) and at the community information drop-in session; and • Members of the project team were available by telephone. <p>Engagement is considered fit for purposes.</p>

Principles	How Does Your Engagement Approach/Activities Reflect this Principle in Action?	How Was This Principle Implemented?
Engagement is informed and transparent	<p>Engagement material is available in a variety of forms including letters, leaflets/fact sheets and posters with easy-to-understand graphics including plans.</p> <p>The engagement material appropriately identifies the scope of the project and what can and cannot be influenced.</p> <p>Feedback is reviewed, summarised and considered in the engagement report which forms part of the AIL application documentation.</p>	<p>The material available to the public was informative and transparent and included information on the size and form of the project, its location and information about potential impacts. Graphical material was utilised to present information to the community.</p> <p>As demonstrated in this Engagement Report, the feedback received from the community and stakeholders has been reviewed and will result in updates to the EIR and SEO documents.</p>
Engagement is reviewed and improved	<p>Feedback provided via the various sources is monitored during the engagement period. Appropriate endeavours will be made to obtain feedback on engagement processes during consultation events and/or following the conclusion of the consultation period. Feedback will be reviewed and analysed for areas of improvement as part of the engagement report and closing the loop.</p>	<p>The lack of written submissions from the public is noted as part of the consultation. An improvement to the consultation processes in the future may be the provision of a hard copy survey or feedback form to gather comments from people at the time of discussion (such as meetings or drop-in sessions).</p> <p>Whilst the lack of written feedback from the community generally is noted, it also indicates that there is no 'outrage' in the community which resulted in petitions or social media campaigns.</p> <p>Feedback from parties who have made contact during the project consultation will be contacted for further comment and feedback as part of the 'closing the loop' process.</p>



Attachment A

Community Information

Northern Battery

The proposed Northern Battery project is a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) designed to store excess renewable energy ready for use by homes and businesses during peak times. Battery projects play an important role in the future electricity system.

About the Project:

- The Northern Battery will be on a small parcel of land at the former Northern Power Station site, around six kilometres south of Port Augusta
- The project is being developed by AMPYR Australia in partnership with Green Gold Energy
- The project is in development, seeking planning consent in coming months



Benefits for Port Augusta region



Local Investment

Opportunities for local contractors and businesses during construction and operations



Funding

Major investment in Port Augusta including community programs



Better energy security

Our battery will discharge energy during peak demand for power

The Northern Battery project will help improve energy reliability and security in South Australia, providing power equivalent to 300,000 homes



Community Benefits

AMPYR is committed to supporting programs that help build skills, strengthen resources and support the long-term wellbeing of the Port Augusta community and nearby areas.

The Northern Battery Community Fund is designed to provide up to

\$40,000

of support for local initiatives, events and projects in communities closest to the project

Further funding will be available as work on the Northern Battery progresses.



Battery Energy Storage Systems



Reliable

Can be switched on when the grid needs more power



Fast Acting

Stabilising our electricity grid if lines go down or generators fail



Cost Effective

Batteries help manage electricity prices by discharging during peak times

Our People

AMPYR and Green Gold Energy are both leaders in renewable energy development in Australia. We will work to foster community dialogue and collaboration throughout the development of the Northern Battery.



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 www.northernbattery.com.au



Dear Landowner,

This letter is to provide you with an update about a battery energy storage project being developed in the Port Augusta region. We are writing to you directly as your residence falls within 2km of the project's boundary.

About the Northern Battery project

The Northern Battery will provide up to eight hours of energy storage for South Australia through a 270 MW lithium-ion battery energy storage system (BESS) platform.

Previously known as 'Davenport BESS', the Northern Battery project is being developed by Green Gold Energy in partnership with AMPYR Australia and will help improve energy reliability and security in South Australia, providing power equivalent to 300,000 homes.

Project Updates

We are pleased to announce that we have recently relocated the project to a new site at the former Northern Power Station precinct. This new site was chosen both to capitalise on pre-existing substation infrastructure and to minimise community impacts.

Earlier this month we published drafts of the Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) & Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for targeted stakeholder consultation.

To find more information about the project and to view copies of the SEO and EIR, please visit our project's website, www.NorthernBattery.com.au.

Community Benefits

Over coming months we will be engaging closely with the Port Augusta community in developing the Northern Battery to ensure the project delivers jobs, business opportunities and other lasting benefits. This will include a Community Benefit Fund which will be launched shortly to provide direct support for local projects that support this community.

Should you have any questions, feedback, or comments, please reach out and contact our project team.

Kind regards,

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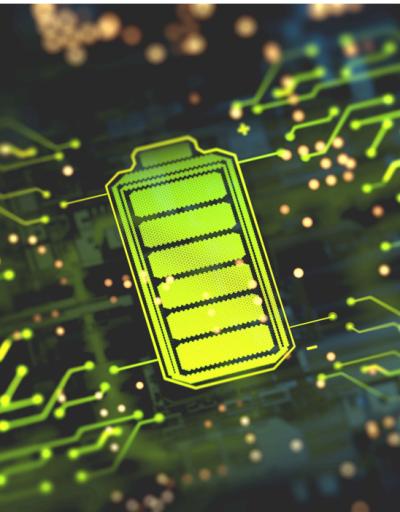
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- The project is in development, seeking planning consent in coming months.

Community benefits

AMPYR is committed to supporting programs that enhance the capacity and long-term sustainability of the local community around the project and in Port Augusta.

The project team will meet community members and Port Augusta City Council to deliver plans for genuine local engagement and investment over the battery's 20-year life of the battery.

The project will help improve energy reliability and security in South Australia, providing power equivalent to 300,000 homes.



Benefits for Port Augusta region



Local Investment

Opportunities for local contractors and businesses during construction and operations



Funding

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AMPYR and Green Gold Energy are both leaders in renewable energy development in Australia. The project team will work to foster dialogue and collaboration with the community throughout Northern Battery's development.



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"This is the energy future:" Eight-hour battery gets new owner and new location at site of state's last coal plant



Image: Ampyr Australia

Sophie Vorrath Nov 13, 2025

BATTERY STORAGE

Ampyr Australia has added another big battery to its burgeoning development pipeline in Australia, after buying a 270 megawatt, eight-hour project proposed for construction in South Australia's Spencer Gulf region.

Singapore-backed Ampyr said on Thursday that it has agreed to buy the Davenport Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) from SA-based Green Gold Energy, but will develop it under a new name and in a new location.

The new name of the project is the Northern Battery and the new location is the site of South Australia's last coal generator, the Northern Power Station, that was switched off in 2016 by its owner Alinta Energy after more than 31 years of operation.



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"Green Gold had selected a site, and when we started to engage with them, we had a look at the site, and you know, it was a good site, but we actually felt we could make it a great site by relocating it to the side of the actual former power station there," Ampyr CEO Alex Wonhas told Renew Economy on Thursday.

The 520 megawatt (MW) plant's retirement rid South Australia of the last of its coal-fired power generators and signalled the state's intention to become the nation-leading and world-leading renewables powerhouse that it is today, with an average share of 75 per cent wind and solar and a goal to reach 100 per cent net renewable by 2027.

Under the agreement, Ampyr [says](#) it will build a grid-forming, utility-scale battery at site of the decommissioned coal plant, using pre-existing infrastructure to transform it into "a pillar of South Australia's renewable energy future."

"The Northern Battery represents more than just a storage development; it's a symbol for the energy transition by transforming a former coal-fired power station into a long-duration storage project," says Wonhas.

Wonhas is the former senior executive at the Australian Energy Market Operator who led the development of its Integrated System Plan, the multi-decade planning blueprint to shift the country's main grid from coal to renewables, and is a strong believer in the benefits of battery storage.

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The company's first big projects in Australia, as [Renew Economy reported in February](#), are two gigawatt scale projects at Wellington in the central west of NSW and near Bannaby, south of Sydney.

In September, Ampyr's second stage Bulabul battery near Wellington was [named among the winners](#) of the federal government's Capacity Investment Scheme, one of 16 battery storage projects with a total of more than 4 GW and nearly 16 GWh of storage capacity.

Wonhas says the revitalisation of existing industrial infrastructure through projects like the Northern Battery will play a critical function in stabilising South Australia's grid and providing enough firming for the state's abundant solar and wind resources.

"This is the energy future," Wonhas [wrote on LinkedIn](#) on Thursday morning.

"South Australia is one of the global benchmarks in renewable generation. The next phase of its energy transition will be dominated by energy storage, not generation," he added in a statement.

"The accelerated deployment of long-duration grid-scale batteries is critical to strengthening system reliability and security while reducing consumer costs."



Wonhas says the relocation to next to the coal plant has reduced costs and allowed faster access to market. And while it has required Ampy to refine the planning approval process, it did not impact the battery's grid connection approval, because it is still connecting to the same network.

That said, the relocation has meant restarting the planning approval process. But Wonhas says South Australia has a "very good planning regime" and the new location is a "purpose built" energy site, having once hosted a coal plant.

"That's what we like about it," Wonhas tells Renew Economy. "I think it's nice to see that we are, you know, reusing these sites and making sure we use them to provide stability to the system and... [to] really maximise the utilisation of the great renewable resources that are in the state."

Ampy says it wants to get construction of the Northern Battery underway in the 2026 calendar year, and is engaging closely with the Port Augusta community to ensure it delivers jobs, business opportunities and other lasting benefits.

To this end, a \$40,000 Community Benefit Fund will be launched shortly, the company says, to provide direct support for local projects that support the community.

Ampy says it is also working with the Nukunu Traditional Owners to build a partnership that delivers cultural, economic and social benefits for First Nations people and supports delivery of the battery.

Wonhas says the current plan is to build the battery all in one go, rather than in stages, but that this will depend on the final off-take agreement for the project, which is not quite finalised and the off-taker not yet being made public.

Once it is, he adds, "then it will be built, probably to the needs of the off-taker, which we're currently working on."

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Northern Battery Project



PROJECT UPDATE

NORTHERN BATTERY

Big news! AMPYR Australia is now leading the Northern Battery project near Port Augusta, building on the work already done by Green Gold Energy.

Another exciting step forward in powering Australia's renewable future.



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Northern Battery Project – Transforming Port Augusta's Former Coal Site into a Renewable Energy Hub

AMPYR Australia, in partnership with Green Gold Energy (GGE), is progressing a major renewable energy storage project that will transform the former Northern Power Station site in Port Augusta into one of South Australia's most advanced long-duration battery facilities.

About the Project

The Northern Battery—formerly known as the Davenport BESS—will deliver up to eight hours of energy storage using a 270 MW battery platform. Construction is expected to begin in 2026. Once operational,

the project will contribute to AMPYR's national goal of delivering six gigawatt hours of battery storage by 2030, supporting 10–20% of Australia's future energy storage needs.

A New Future for a Former Coal Site

The project will repurpose the decommissioned Northern Power Station precinct, turning it into a key asset for South Australia's renewable energy future. By making use of existing substation infrastructure, the relocation reduces community impact and fast-tracks the delivery of vital grid-support infrastructure.

[More Information](#)

Port Augusta City Council is located at the head of Spencer Gulf in South Australia and includes Stirling North and the seaside homes located at Commissariat Point, Blanche Harbor and Miranda and has a population of almost 14,000 people. Council acknowledges and respects the traditional owners, their ancestors and the sharing of lands on which Port Augusta is located. [More](#)

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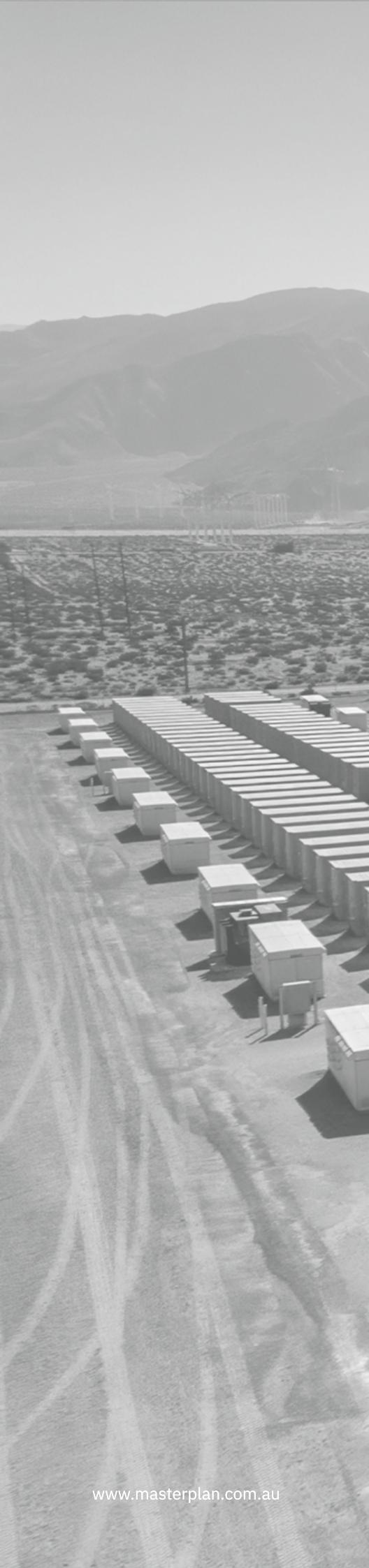
AMPYR Australia and Green Gold Energy will be hosting an information stand outside Woolworths Port Augusta on Monday 24 November, from 1pm to 4.30pm.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Northern Battery project, this is a great opportunity to:

- Learn about the project firsthand
- Ask questions
- Speak directly with members of the project team

Drop by and have a chat!





Attachment B

Government Agency Submissions

Julie Jansen

From: Nicholas Wensley <nicholas.wensley@ampyenergy.com>
Sent: Friday, 21 November 2025 9:43 PM
To: Julie Jansen; Jasmine Walters
Subject: Fw: Draft EIR/SEO – Northern Battery Project - AAR [Filed 01 Dec 2025 10:48]
Attachments: A-guide-to-Aboriginal-heritage-in-South-Australia (1).pdf; Aboriginal Heritage Discovery Protocols NO AUTH (A2678519).pdf

Categories: Filed by Mail Manager

Hi Masterplan team,

Just forwarding this response from AAR to our draft EIR & SEO, for your reference.

Cheers
Nick

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From: Sibbald, Jeremy (AGD) <jeremy.sibbald2@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:10:57 AM
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Subject: RE: Draft EIR/SEO – Northern Battery Project - AAR

OFFICIAL

Dear Nicholas,

Thank you, for your email to Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) on 14 November 2025 requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Draft Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) submitted as part of the Northern Battery BESS project proposal by Green Gold Energy in partnership with AMPYR Australia.

AAR notes that the EIR and SEO relate to the development site of the BESS project (7ha) not the subject land of the Port Paterson Power Station (995Ha). Independent Heritage Consultants (IHC) have conducted a desktop assessment of heritage impacts including a search of AAR's central archives requested by AMPYR (24 July 2025), that revealed no heritage recorded in the development site but did identify a site nearby. Please note that AAR's central archives are not an exhaustive record of all Aboriginal sites, objects and remains (together, heritage) in the state.

Section 23 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA) (AH Act) prohibits any damage, disturbance, or interference with Aboriginal heritage without authorisation from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. As acknowledged in the documents.

AAR notes from the documents that Green Gold Energy in partnership with AMPYR Australia intends to engage with Aboriginal stakeholders and identifies that both Nukunu and Kokatha have cultural interests in the area. AAR encourages the engagement with Traditional Owners to ensure that any Aboriginal heritage that may exist in the project area is identified, avoided, and protected. AAR also identified Barngarla as having an interest in the area and included the contact details for Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation in addition to Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Nukunu Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation in the response from the AAR Heritage Information Team (25 July 2025).

In relation to unknown Aboriginal heritage, section 20 of the AH Act requires Green Gold Energy to report heritage discoveries to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (through AAR) as soon as possible. In line with the *Coroners Act 2003 (SA)*, Green Gold Energy and contractors must immediately notify SA Police (SAPOL) if the discovery includes potential human remains. If the discovery cannot be avoided by works associated with the Northern Battery project, then ministerial authorisations under the AH Act must be sought before any impacts to the discovered heritage may occur. Please note changes to the AH Act came into effect 1 January 2025 including increased penalties under section 20 of the AH Act – see AAR’s website [here](#) for further details.

The fact sheet referred to in Table 13 of the EIR is out of date due to machinery of government and legislative changes, please use and refer to the attached *Guide to Aboriginal Heritage in South Australia* for the most up to date information. Please incorporate the discovery protocols attached, to be used when no authorisations are in place, in the proposed Construction and Environmental Management (CEMP) and Operational Management Plans (OMP).

If you have any queries about this email or its attachments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dear Nicholas

Thank you for your response. We will begin reviewing the documents, noting that we may not be able to finalise our feedback by the 21st due to other urgent work. At this stage, no need for a briefing - but I will keep the offer in mind.

Many thanks.

Kindest regards

Alex

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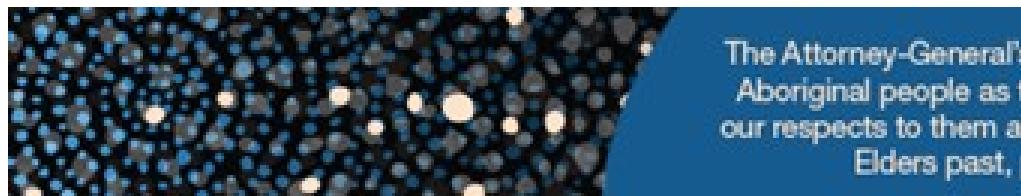
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Hi Alex,

Thank you for your prompt response. We would appreciate any initial feedback by Friday 21st. We would be happy to provide a briefing on either Monday or Tuesday.

Additionally, I have copied in both Will Story and Tim Larkin who have been engaging with the Nukunu people regarding our project and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

We anticipate there to be minimal impacts given the nature of the project site and the proposed development.

Our consultation will be ongoing as the project progresses.

Kind regards,



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Dear Nicholas

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Could you please confirm the timeframe in which you are seeking any feedback?

Many thanks

Kindest regards

Alex

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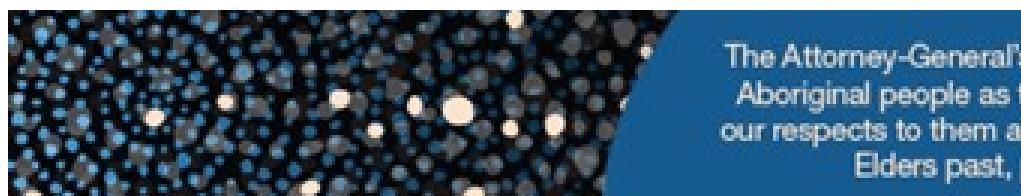
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Our stakeholder engagement plan has identified that AAR would likely have interest in the project and its potential impacts on undocumented cultural heritage and archaeological features of heritage significance.

Areas of interest within the EIR would include the discussion on cultural heritage in Tables in Section 5.2.3 of the EIR and the methods proposed to mitigate the impacts, as outlined in Section 2.3 of the SEO.

Copies of the Draft EIR and Draft SEO are available on the project website:
www.NorthernBattery.com.au

We welcome any feedback, comments, or concerns your department may have regarding the environmental objectives, associated assessment criteria, or the adequacy of proposed mitigation measures. In addition to this initial consultation process, we anticipate that your department will also be engaged during subsequent statutory consultation process (where applicable).

Should you require further information or wish to discuss any aspect of the project, please contact our team.

Kind regards,



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SAALLB – South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board **due 28th November**

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Draft Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) 2.3, page 12	Typo in the text	Text states: Relevant leading performance criteria for each objective are set out in Error! Reference source not found. above. Suggest correcting.	Community engagement	
Draft Environment Impact Report (EIR), 4.3.1, page 32	Natural regeneration	The proponent stated that the development site has already been damaged or modified. It is unclear how natural regeneration will occur naturally at a damaged or modified site without some intervention. Suggest considering how regeneration can be facilitated (e.g. via pest plant or animal control to reduce competition and browsing pressure).	Planning	
Draft Environment Impact Report (EIR), 4.3.1, page 32-33	SEB Offset	The SA Arid Lands Landscape board is a broker for SEB offsets and may be able to help achieve an on-ground offset. This would avoid the need to pay into the fund <i>in lieu</i> of an offset. Suggest contacting the board for more information.	Planning	
Draft Environment Impact Report (EIR), 4.3.5, page 38	Missing declared plant species	Please add Buffel Grass (<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> and <i>Cenchrus pennisetiformis</i>) and Fountain Grass (<i>Cenchrus setaceus</i>) to the declared weeds list within the SA Arid Lands region.	Planning	

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Draft Environment Impact Report (EIR), 5.2.4.4, page 80	Removal of declared plant species before construction	Suggest assessment and removal of declared plant species before construction begins rather than during to reduce the risk of any declared weeds spreading further.	Planning	
Draft Environment Impact Report (EIR), 5.2.5.4, page 82-85	Waste management	How will waste be managed during the construction and maintenance phases of this project? Waste, if not managed, attracts pest predators and could impact local native fauna within the area.	Planning	
Draft Environment Impact Report (EIR), 6.2, page 108	Incorrect name	Please rename Landscape Board SA – Arid Lands region to “SA Arid Lands Landscape Board”	Planning	

Julie Jansen

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Hi Julie,

Forwarding to note this positive response from DHUD.

Thanks,

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Hi Nicholas

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Northern Battery Project.

DHUD has previously dealt with a number of renewable energy projects in and around Port Augusta, including the Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park (Stage 1 since constructed and operational), and dealt with various upgrades to the Davenport substation.

We are also aware of and involved in the assessment of the proposed Port Playford Export facility, utilising the existing wharf area and adjacent land (but is not affected by this proposal).

A number of staff have also been fortunate enough to have been on the power station site a number of times, so are familiar with the layout and remaining infrastructure.

In terms of the Northern Battery project itself, the following is noted –

- Strategic Employment Zone – a BESS use being appropriate in the zone.
- The subject land was previously identified as part of the Northern Power Station site (and used as a borrow pit: Source EPA 2018).
- P&D Code/SAPPA identifies a number of layers relevant to the land more generally, but most don't apply in practice (i.e. the flood hazard overlay does not include the specific site).
- A number of easements (mainly for electricity purposes) traverse the land, connecting into the Davenport substation. New development will need to ensure it does not conflict with or compromise existing infrastructure/services.

- Site access is available from the existing public road network.
- Native Vegetation on the site has been previously disturbed and a clearance application will be lodged with NVC.
- The nearest non-related (host) residence is located to the south-east of the development site.
- The stormwater approach will control and manage all flows generated from the site.

Based on the above, there is no objection raised in respect to the development, noting the existing land use zoning supports such activities, subject to any interface impacts being managed.

Operational noise appears to be the main issue re: potential disturbance to sensitive receptors, although noise mitigation measures (as modelled) can achieve compliance with the noise standard (EPA to confirm). In general terms, a BESS is a relatively benign development in its situational context, with the main issues during construction of such a development in a semi-arid environment, where dust and erosion control need to be carefully managed (and should remain the clear focus of any future CEMP). We note the landscape approach, which in this location will need to be practically implemented (i.e. natural reveg), but question use of "irrigation" and "semi-advanced feedstock", rather than an approach that prepares the ground surface (veg strip) to maximize the best possible outcomes, and to retain and channel what natural surface flows are available to promote longer-term growth (but defer to the landscape advice).

Kind regards –

Simon

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Hi Team,

Please see the below response from CFS.

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Hello Nicholas

Please find attached the CFS expectations for this type of project.

Any Development and infrastructure requirements for both bushfire mitigation and BESS system fires need to be directed to Development Assessment Services for any comment. Hence all planning and design plans should be resolved before the meeting on the 24th with the Regional Officers.

Please review the attached checklist and formally reply to confirm that these requirements have been met, including your site plans and your emergency management Plans etc.

Thank you

Col.

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Dear Leah, Alex & CFS team,

Ahead of our meeting at Division 4 HQ on Monday 24th, I am writing to provide CFS with targeted information regarding the Northern Battery project.

Leah, I have recently been provided with your email address. Should you wish to attend the discussion on the 24th please advise.

Apologies for any repetition from previous correspondence, but for the sake of completeness, The Northern Battery project is a 270MW Battery Energy Storage Project proposed at 420 Northern Power Station Road, Port Paterson and is being developed by Green Gold Energy in partnership with AMPYR Australia.

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Our stakeholder engagement plan has identified that CFS will have interest in any impacts of the project on capacity to fight bushfires and fire from the development.

Further, interested in fire management associated with the project as described in Section 5.2, specifically Section 5.2.6 and Table 15 of the EIR and Section 2.3 of the SEO.

Copies of the Draft EIR and Draft SEO are available on the project website:

www.NorthernBattery.com.au

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Dear Reinhard,

Thank you for your prompt response and for including Rebecca and Mark. We would appreciate any initial comments by Friday 21st COB.

Thank you also for your recommendations regarding the SEO, I have noted these.

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Dear Nicholas,

Many thanks for your email and reaching out to our office for comment.

What is your deadline for comments, please?

Our office generally does not regulate environmental matters, hence I suspect that we will not be able to provide much feedback on your EIR and SEO. Nevertheless I have included my colleagues Mark and Rebecca in CC, and they might provide further comments.

At a quick glace I noted that your SEO is listing reporting requirements. I would recommend to also include a reference to regulation 70 of the [Electricity \(General\) Regulations SA](#), in combination with section 63 of the [Electricity Act 1996](#).

Regards
Reinhard

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Dear Mr Wensley,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide preliminary comments on AMPYR Australia's application under the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023* for a Renewable Energy Infrastructure Licence to develop the Northern Battery Project.

The Native Vegetation Council (Council) is an independent statutory body established under the Native Vegetation Act 1991 (NV Act). Its functions include keeping the condition of native vegetation in the State under review and advising in relation to the preservation, enhancement and management of existing native vegetation. Further functions involve encouraging the re-establishment of native vegetation and research, considering applications to clear native vegetation, determining offsets, and enforcing compliance with the NV Act.

Under section 15 of the NV Act, the A/ Team Leader, Assessments and Compliance has delegation to respond to this referral on the Council's behalf.

I note that:

- Davenport BESS Pty Ltd, a related entity of AMPYR Australia, is proposing to develop a 270 MVA Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and an associated transmission corridor to contribute to South Australia's renewable energy targets. The proposed project requires 208 battery containers and 52 inverters.
- The Project site is located at 420 Northern Power Station Road, Port Paterson, which is situated approximately 300 km north of Adelaide, South Australia. The proposed project footprint comprises an area of approximately 995 hectares.

- The project footprint has a long history of disturbance associated with energy generation. It is situated amongst multiple regional renewable energy project sites.
- Scattered native vegetation remains on the site. This vegetation has been subject to two historical native vegetation clearance applications, both of which (2016/2037/660 and 2017/2007/660) have since expired.
- The project is designed to avoid a small area of native vegetation contained within the north-west corner of the project site. Other areas of the subject land are located within a South Australian Property and Planning Atlas (SAPPA) Conservation Zone, though these are excluded from the project footprint.
- Clearance application 2017/2007/660 was recently reviewed by the Native Vegetation Assessment Panel, resulting in a re-assessment of the site's vegetation and the withdrawal of significant environmental benefit areas.
- The provided Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) detail the infrastructure activities associated with the installation, operation, decommissioning and rehabilitation of land for the purpose of a BESS facility and associated transmission line.
- The EIR identifies the following potential direct impacts on the site's native vegetation:
 - o Native vegetation clearance, introduction, spread or regeneration of declared pest plants and animal species, fire sparked from overheating or electrical faults during installation and equipment testing, spread of bushfire, fire caused by malfunction of BESS.
- The proponent has appended a Data Report to enable assessment of the project against the Principles of Clearance, as detailed in the NV Act. The Data Report notes the completion of a Bushland Assessment in 2025 and contains an excerpt from the relevant Bushland Assessment scoresheet. It also details Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) calculations and proposed clearance areas.
- Further detail regarding environmental management strategies and assessment will be contained within future drafts of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Operations Management Plan (OMP). These documents will also discuss the proponent's approach to reducing the indirect impacts of noise, dust, vehicle and weed management measures upon fauna habitat.
- The EIR and Data Report demonstrate an unsuccessful attempt to locate an on-ground offset. Furthermore, the Council notes that the offset obligation for this proposed clearance does not exceed 150 SEB Points.
- Field investigations did not yield any evidence of National and state-listed species (see Data Report, page 13).

On behalf of the Council, I provide the following comments:

- The Council notes the proponent's commitment to considering the Principles of Clearance when designing this project and acknowledges that the proposed clearance is not Seriously at Variance with those principles assessed by the Native Vegetation Branch (a to g).
- The Council notes that the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* replaced the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* on July 1, 2020. As such, the relevant Landscape Board (SA Arid Lands) will comment on Principles of Clearance h to m (see Data Report section 4.5).
- The Council acknowledges the proponent's intent to 'avoid' and 'minimise' clearance where possible, as noted within the EIR and Data Report. Notable project measures include:
 - o Avoiding the small patch of native vegetation in the north-western proportion of the project footprint,
 - o Utilising previously cleared or degraded land to minimise the disturbance or native vegetation, and,
 - o Offsetting proposed clearance via payment into the Native Vegetation Fund, as per the SEB policy when considering any clear.

When submitting future applications for clearance under the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017, the proponent must continue to have regard for, and give effect to, the mitigation hierarchy. Details regarding the mitigation hierarchy are outlined in the Department for Environment and Water's 'Mitigation Hierarchy' page¹.

- The Data Report denotes the intent to rely on natural regeneration for the restoration of native vegetation. Details regarding this regeneration should also be included in the EIR itself, as well as any related CEMP and OMP. The Council would also appreciate information regarding efforts to encourage and safeguard said regeneration, if applicable.
- The Council encourages recognition of the impact that the following events may have on native vegetation and/or biodiversity as potential receptors:
 - o Dust generation (impact ID AQ1),
 - o Vehicle impacts (impact ID E3),
 - o Soil contamination (HS1), or,
 - o Reduced ground/surface water quality (impact IDs WQES2 and WQES3).

The Council welcomes future opportunities to discuss any clearance of native vegetation and provide comment on future drafts of the CEMP and OMP.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions about this submission, please contact Jannah Wilson, Policy Officer, on telephone number 8429 8443 or email jannah.wilson@sa.gov.au.

¹ <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/native-vegetation/clearing/mitigation-hierarchy>

Yours sincerely



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Hi Julie,

Forwarding this from ElectraNet to keep you in the loop.

Cheers,



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Hi Nicholas

Thank you for your email and apologies for the delay in responding. ElectraNet looks forward to working through this project with you.

For the purpose of approvals, ElectraNet believes that the 'project site' and all associated studies needs to include those aspects which traverse ElectraNet's Davenport substation property. This includes all land impacted by construction and operations from the property boundary to the high voltage substation fence. ElectraNet will require the proponent to obtain all necessary approvals for works on ElectraNet property, including development consents (HRE Act), native vegetation clearance and heritage approvals.

Attached for your information ElectraNet's standard requirements for cultural heritage in a Transmission Connection Agreement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Regards



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In the spirit of reconciliation, ElectraNet acknowledges the Traditional Owners throughout South Australia and their ongoing connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We work flexibly here at ElectraNet, so if you receive an email from me out-of-hours, please know that I do not expect an immediate response, unless the email is marked as urgent.

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Aboriginal Heritage and Native Title Information

Artwork by Ngarrindjeri, Narungga, Wirangu artist Gabriel Stengl

This information sheet is intended to provide guidance to ElectraNet's Customers on compliance with the requirements of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA) (AHA)* and the subsequent evidence of approval required by ElectraNet to support transmission projects in South Australia.

Introduction

ElectraNet acknowledges and respects Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters in South Australia.

We work together with Traditional Owners to deliver projects in ways that respect their spiritual connection with the land and encourage our Customers and other stakeholders to do the same. We are committed to protecting sites of cultural significance and helping to preserve them for current and future generations.

We value building long-term relationships with Traditional Owners during the planning, construction and maintenance of all electricity transmission infrastructure. We undertake comprehensive consultation with Traditional Owners to identify potential Aboriginal Heritage impacts from ElectraNet's activities and work proactively to minimise any impacts and protect sites of cultural significance.

Aboriginal Heritage

Sites of significance according to Aboriginal tradition and sites significant to Aboriginal archaeology, anthropology and history are protected principally in South Australia by the AHA.

Under the AHA, it is a criminal offence to damage, disturb, and/or interfere with Aboriginal heritage, or to remove it from South Australia, without ministerial authorisation.

The obligation applies equally to ElectraNet's Customers.

From 1 January 2025 penalties under the AHA now include fines of up to \$2m for companies, fines of up to \$250,000 and/or two years imprisonment for individuals, forfeiture of profits achieved by impacting heritage, orders to remediate damage caused, compensation orders to Traditional Owners and more.

Native Title

The *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* is a separate legislative regime focused on recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's land rights. This Act is not addressed in this guidance.

Where Native Title consents are required, ElectraNet will also require evidence of those consents being provided. Sourcing Native Title consents can be a lengthy process involving extensive consultation with the Native Title holder.

Information regarding Native Title, including maps showing areas subject to Native Title determination, is available at:

[National Native Title Tribunal](#)

ElectraNet Heritage Management

ElectraNet's committed to the protection of Aboriginal Heritage. A range of systems and processes are utilised for this purpose, including but not limited to:

- a search of the Register of Aboriginal Sites and Objects (accessed via the Taa Wika portal)
- engagement with Traditional Owner/Native Title Groups (which may involve development of a Heritage Agreement and completion of Aboriginal Heritage Surveys (NOTE: in some locations, more than one Traditional Owner and/or Native Title Group may require engagement)
- development and implementation of Cultural Heritage Management Plans
- monitoring of works by Traditional Owner representatives
- specific heritage management training and/or inductions for employees or contractors undertaking work
- adherence to a Site Discovery Procedure
- other measures necessary to reduce the risk of impact to Aboriginal Heritage.

Once an Aboriginal site is damaged, it is typically irreplaceable and cannot be restored or replaced, making Aboriginal Heritage a finite and invaluable resource.

By implementing cultural heritage management practices such as those identified above and through compliance with the AHA, organisations can foster positive relationships with Aboriginal communities and protect invaluable cultural resources.

Customer Considerations

On customer connection projects, the Customer is responsible for obtaining all necessary cultural heritage or archaeological consents or approvals for ElectraNet's connection work and all other applicable project approvals including development and environmental approval.

ElectraNet strongly recommends that Customers seek independent legal advice regarding their legislative obligations and approval requirements.

While there is considerable variation in project scopes and potential for impact to Aboriginal Heritage, **ElectraNet recommends early, informed and transparent engagement with Traditional Owners** to gain an understanding of the Aboriginal Heritage in the vicinity of the proposed development and the extent to which the proposed development may impact on Aboriginal Heritage.

Early engagement will assist Customers to determine and implement appropriate measures to avoid unauthorised impact and is recommended early in the project planning and development phase.

To support this engagement, ElectraNet recommends Customers prepare:

- a written overview of the nature of the works to be performed
- indicative maps of the area that will be potentially impacted by works
- proposed timing of the works
- the likely construction methodology to be used
- possible requirements for vegetation clearance
- life of the assets
- ongoing requirements for access and the operation and maintenance of assets.

Any land in South Australia, developed or undeveloped, may contain Aboriginal Heritage and it may also be obscured by vegetation or hidden beneath the surface of the ground.

Examples include (but are not limited to):

- culturally modified trees or engraved or painted artwork
- items such as stone artefacts, stone arrangements, rock art, campsites and burial sites that may be found near clay pans, lakes, rivers, estuaries, water holes and coastal areas
- dunes and sand hills that may be associated with stone artefacts, Aboriginal campsites and burials
- rocky outcrops that may be associated with ceremonial sites, stone arrangements and artefact sites and rock art.



Working with Traditional Owners

We value building long-term relationships with Traditional Owners during the planning, construction and maintenance of all transmission developments.

We initiate comprehensive consultation with Traditional Owners to identify potential cultural heritage impacts from development activities and work proactively to protect sites of cultural significance.

To satisfy the cultural heritage precondition in a Transmission Connection Agreement, ElectraNet requires a comprehensive heritage survey or assessment report that includes direct input and written approval from the relevant Traditional Owner groups. This report must demonstrate that appropriate register searches have been completed and that Traditional Owner perspectives have been meaningfully incorporated. **Please note that a desktop survey report alone is insufficient and will not meet this requirement.**

Additionally, the Customer is responsible for entering into and fulfilling all obligations under any agreements made with Traditional Owner groups, including those related to cultural heritage management and ongoing engagement.

Remember that Traditional Owner groups do not need to have a Native Title determination, or even a claim toward a Native Title determination to have a cultural connection to the land.

Further Info

Further information about Aboriginal Heritage in South Australia is available from:

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation:
A guide to Aboriginal heritage in South Australia