

SCHEDULE A – SUBMISSIONS FROM ADVERTISING

SUB No	SUBMITTER	SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION	COMMENT	RECOMMENDATION
1 13/2/24	Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)	CASA advises that the proposal will not present a hazard to aircraft operations.	As CASA has no objection to the proposal as presented and no aviation related conditions apply.	That the Council notes the submission.
2 26/2/24	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCAs)	DBCAs advises that there are no known conservation values onsite.	DBCAs recommends that the proponent needs to implement best management practises to avoid any direct/indirect offsite impacts (for eg ground water impacts) on the nearby Nature Reserve.	That the Council notes the submission and advise DBCAs that it will require a DMS as a condition of development.
3 26/2/24	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD)	DPIRD supports the proposal for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project is within a potential energy precinct, adjacent to existing energy facilities. • The footprint of the facility is small. • The site is cleared. DPIRD recommends managing surface water.	The Council has given notice that it will require the applicant to prepare a Drainage Management Strategy (DMS) to its satisfaction.	That the Council notes the submission and advise DPIRD that it will require a DMS as a condition of development.
4 11/3/24	Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)	DFES has not reviewed the BMP as the development is not impacted by the Bushfire Prone mapping.	Development site is located more than 200m from the nearest Bushfire Prone area.	That the Council notes the submission.

Copies of these submissions are attached in **Schedule B**

SCHEDULE B – COPIES OF SUBMISSIONS

SUBMISSION 1 - CASA

OFFICIAL

Good morning Mr Zenni,

In response to your referral letter dated 1 February, regarding DAP/24/02631, Address of Proposal: Lot 5 Robartson Road, Merredin WA 6415, Proposal Type: Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), CASA advises that the proposal will not present a hazard to aircraft operations.

CASA has no objection to the proposal as presented and no aviation related conditions apply.

Regards

Matthew Windebank

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Meg Wyatt

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 26 February 2024 11:22 AM
To: Admin Officer; Lisa Clack
Subject: DBCA comments - Proposed Battery storage facility : Development Assessment Panel Application DAP/2402631
Attachments: CEO68-24.pdf; Proposed-Battery-Energy-Storage-System.pdf
Importance: High

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Dear Mr Peter Zenni,

Your attached correspondence A9722 dated 1 February 2024 refers.

A GIS desktop assessment using the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCA) corporate data, has revealed that there are no known conservation values onsite at Lot 5, Robartson Road, Merredin (proposed site for the Battery Energy Storage System - BESS). The site appears to be a cleared paddock and devoid of remnant vegetation.

Please note that the DBCA-managed Class A Merredin Nature Reserve (A19476 & 90.75 ha in size) is located directly adjacent (eastern boundary) to the proposed BESS site. The proponent for the BESS will need to implement best management practises to avoid any direct / indirect offsite impacts (for eg ground water impacts) on the Nature Reserve.

The DBCA Environmental Management Branch in Perth is aware that there is considerable interest for renewable industry projects for the Wheatbelt region (amongst others). A working group from the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science & the Environment are currently in the process of developing a Western Australian Handbook on Electricity generation and storage. This should be available soon for use by the public and current / potential developers.

Please contact me if you require any additional information / clarification.

Kind regards

David Jolliffe

Conservation Coordinator (Flora)

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Department of
**Primary Industries and
Regional Development**

Your reference: DAP/24/02631
Our reference: LUP 1800
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Date: 26 February 2024

Dear Leah

Development Assessment Panel Application DAP/24/02631
Address of Proposal: Lot 5 Robartson Road, Merredin WA 6415
Proposal Type: Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Thank you for advertising the above proposal, which provides the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) the opportunity to provide comment.

DPIRD supports the proposal for the following reasons:

- This renewable energy project is being located within a potential energy precinct, supporting the adjacent to existing energy facilities.
- The footprint of the facility is small; approximately 4ha.
- The site is cleared, having been used for cropping and grazing purposes

The proposed site is located on the Tandegin / Booraan soil landscape subsystem. These are hillslopes predominantly containing hardsetting, grey to brownish sandy loam over clay soils.

These soils normally have a low to moderate risk of water and wind erosion. While the likelihood of soil disturbance, following construction, should be low, DPIRD is aware of sites where soils, which would normally be considered low risk of water erosion, have suffered serious erosion from constructed features (i.e. roads, pads) concentrating water flow.

An examination of aerial photography (Figure 3a: Site and Surrounds, p8) reveals that the nearby Merredin Terminal sub-station effectively handles surface water by channeling excess water to a dam, while the drain/creek to the north manages surface water from the surrounding area. As a precautionary measure, DPIRD recommends

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managing surface water from this facility to mitigate water erosion and potential contaminant movement during heavy summer or winter rainfall.

For more information, please contact Greg Doncon on (08) 908 13117 or

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Yours sincerely

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Sustainability and Biosecurity**

SUBMISSION 4 - DFES

From: DFES Land Use Planning <advice@dfes.wa.gov.au>
Date: 11/3/24 12:26 pm (GMT+08:00)
To: Peter Zenni <emds@merredin.wa.gov.au>
Subject: A9722 - DAP/24/02631 - Lot 5 Robartson Road, Merredin - Proposed Battery Energy Storage System - DFES Response

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DFES Ref: D33152
Shire Ref: DAP/24/02631

Dear Mr Zenni,

In relation to the above application, the following comments are provided.

DFES note that the application has been advertised only and has not been formally referred as the proposal does not include development within a bushfire prone area (with all development outside of the area classified as bushfire prone) and is therefore not subject to the application of SPP 3.7 and the associated Guidelines. This has been verbally confirmed by Mr Zenni from the Shire, on 8 February 2024.

DFES' Land Use Planning Branch has forwarded the proposal to other internal branches, however, currently has not received any comments provide to the Shire due to operational priorities during the high threat period. If any comments are received in the coming weeks they will be forwarded to the Shire as quickly as possible.

Please note that as the Shire has confirmed that this is not a formal referral, as the application of SPP 3.7 has not been triggered by the Shire, DFES has not undertaken a review of the BMP or additional documents from a Land Use Planning perspective.

Please contact me on 9395 9819 if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

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