

PLEYSTOWE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

Application Number: **02553**

Commencement Date:

Status: **Locked****14/08/2024**

1. About the project

1.1 Project details

1.1.1 Project title *

PLEYSTOWE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

1.1.2 Project industry type *

Energy Generation and Supply (renewable)

1.1.3 Project industry sub-type

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1.1.4 Estimated start date *

01/07/2026

1.1.4 Estimated end date *

01/07/2076

1.2 Proposed Action details

1.2.1 Provide an overview of the proposed action, including all proposed activities. *

Edify Energy Pty Ltd is seeking regulatory and environmental planning approval for the construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System. The proposed site is located on the corner of Pleystowe Road and Formosas Road, situated on part of Lot 20 SP262709 alongside Pioneer Valley Sub Station, and will cover an area of 5.38 ha (the Project Area).

The project will consist of:

- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) units comprising hermetically sealed lithium-ion cells. The batteries would be contained in cabinet-enclosures.
- Power transfer units and other grid connection equipment (including overhead powerlines).
- Inverters and integrated transformers.
- Central 33 kV switchboard (ring main unit).
- Ancillary infrastructure including electrical switch rooms, control and ancillary buildings, earthing, lightning protection, lighting, closed-circuit television (CCTV) and environmental controls.
- High voltage (HV) substation.
- Prefabricated operations and maintenance (O&M) building.
- Gravel car parking area for construction and then operational staff parking.
- Internal access tracks.
- Perimeter security fencing.
- Acoustic fencing along the southern boundary of the development footprint.
- Installation and maintenance of environmental controls including drainage and sediment controls.
- Structural works including numerous individual concrete slabs, to support battery module enclosures and power conversion systems and transformer structures
- Site access via Formosas Road; and
- Landscaping buffer along southern boundary, to screen neighbouring residential uses.

The construction of the project will generally require:

- Site survey, inspection, and mobilisation.
- Minimal leveling and compacting (mostly localised to the hardstand areas of the development).
- Road works including internal roads, kerbing and surfacing.
- Fencing of the Project Site, involving security fencing (and later, CCTV monitoring system).
- Temporary laydown area for equipment and shipping containers.
- Landscaping and rehabilitation, inclusive of table drainage, earth shaping and seeding.
- Staggered delivery of equipment and material throughout the construction period.
- Trenching for underground cabling.
- Stormwater drainage systems, inclusive of pits, pipes and headwalls.
- Installation of electrical cabling, inverters, junction boxes and other associated electrical equipment.
- Preparation and installation of high voltage transformer(s).
- Construction and installation of new on-site substation.
- Installation of battery modules for future storage capabilities.
- Commissioning and testing of the facility.

The development will be wholly contained within the development footprint (with the exception of the underground cables to Powerlink's existing and adjacent substation and the driveway access from Formosas Road).

The final layout and design of the BESS will be determined during detailed design.

There is no proposed native vegetation clearing within the project site (Lot 20 SP262709). The project site has been previously cleared of endemic vegetation and is used for sugar cane production. As part of the proposed construction activities, limited clearing of non-native weeds, grasses and woody vegetation will occur that currently surrounds the existing power station and consists of a few solitary of non-native trees such as red powder puffs (*Calliandra haematocephal*) and a solitary native macaranga (*Macaranga tanarius*) only, refer to Att.1. Ecological Assessment report, Section 4.4.2, pp 19.

1.2.2 Is the project action part of a staged development or related to other actions or proposals in the region?

No

1.2.6 What Commonwealth or state legislation, planning frameworks or policy documents are relevant to the proposed action, and how are they relevant? *

Federal Legislation (Australia)

1. Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The objectives of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) are to:

- Provide for the protection of the environment, especially Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).
- Conserve Australian biodiversity.
- Provide a streamlined national environmental assessment and approvals process.
- Enhance the protection and management of important natural and cultural places.
- Control the international movements of plants and animals (wildlife), wildlife specimens and products made or derived from wildlife.
- Promote ecologically sustainable development through the conservation and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources.
- Recognise the role of Indigenous people in the conservation and ecologically sustainable use of Australia's biodiversity.
- Promote the use of Indigenous people's knowledge of biodiversity with the involvement of, and in cooperation with, the owners of the knowledge.

The EPBC Act focusses Australian Government interests on the protection of the following MNES:

- World heritage properties.
- National heritage places.
- Wetlands of international importance (also known as 'Ramsar' wetlands).
- Nationally threatened species and ecological communities.
- Migratory species.
- Commonwealth marine areas.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
- Nuclear actions (including uranium mining).
- Water resources, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development.

Actions that will or may have a significant impact on MNES should be referred to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for assessment under the EPBC Act.

An EPBC self-assessment has been undertaken which concluded that there are no Matters of National Environment Significance on the site, or immediately surrounding areas, which have been heavily modified for agricultural activities in the past. For legal certainty, Edify has elected to refer the matter to confirm it is not a Controlled Action under the EPBC Act.

State Legislation (Queensland)

Environmental Protection Act 1994

The objective of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) is to protect the environment and give provision for development in a way that allows ecological processes to be maintained (i.e. ecologically sustainable development). In accordance with Section 319 of the EP Act, the requirements of a *general environmental duty* are that *a person must not carry out any activity that causes or is likely to cause environmental harm unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm*. The requirements apply to development projects.

The project does not constitute an Environmentally Relevant Activity under the EP Act therefore an Environmental Authority is not required.

All persons have a general environmental duty (GED) under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) to not carry out any activity that causes, or is likely to cause, environmental harm unless the person has an authority to do so, or has taken all reasonably practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm. Edify has undertaken an assessment to ensure that existing environmental values will be retained by the proposed development and prepared a Storm Water Management Plan to manage any potential impacts from stormwater runoff from the site (refer to Att. 3 Stormwater Management Plan).

Nature Conservation Act 1992

The *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NC Act) is the principal legislation that provides for the protection of native flora and fauna (protected wildlife). The NC Act is administered by the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI). Under the NC Act, native wildlife (flora and fauna) are classified into different categories of conservation significance in recognition of how threatened it is and what action needs to be taken to protect it. Certain authorisations or permits under the NC Act are required prior to clearing listed threatened plant species, interfering with an animal *breeding place*, or removing protected animals unless the activity is exempt.

The NC Act is not applicable as there were no listed threatened flora or fauna within the project site and no animal *breeding places* were observed. If any woody vegetation is to be removed a fauna spotter catcher will be present on site to ensure no animal *breeding places* are present immediately prior to clearing.

Vegetation Management Act 1999

The Vegetation Management Act (VM Act) is administered by the Department of Resources. The VM Act regulates the clearing of woody native vegetation in Queensland. The VM Act's objectives include the conservation of remnant Regional Ecosystems (REs), prevention of the loss of biodiversity, maintenance of ecological processes, and conservation of vegetation in areas of high nature conservation value or lands vulnerable to land degradation.

The VM Act classes are used for determining offset requirements for significant residual impacts to REs under provisions of the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014* (EO Act).

The Vegetation Management Act 1999 is not relevant to this project as there is no native vegetation within Lot 20 SP262709.

The project site has been historically cleared and is used for sugar cane production. Any woody vegetation (non-endemic) that would need to be cleared has been planted surrounding the adjacent Powerlink substation and consists of a few solitary of non-native trees such as red powder puffs (*Calliandra haematocephala*) and a solitary native macaranga (*Macaranga tanarius*).

Environmental Offsets Act 2014

The EO Act, Environmental Offsets Regulation 2014 (EO Reg), and associated policies and guidelines provide a framework for defining the offset obligations where significant residual impacts to Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES), MNES or Matters of Local Environmental Significance (MLES) occur.

The EO act is not relevant as there are no MSES or MLES on the site.

Mackay Regional Council Planning Scheme 2017

Mackay Regional Council Planning Scheme 2017 – Version 4.0 has a minor amendment (5) which addresses developments in environmentally sensitive areas, including areas mapped as MSES- wildlife habitat, cultural heritage and state heritage place.

There are no Matters of Local Environmental Significance (MLES) mapped on the site as it has been historically cleared and is under cane production. As a result, there were no environmental assessment triggers under the Planning Scheme.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

Following Mackay Regional Council's upcoming determination of Edify's Planning application, which is currently scheduled for October 30 2024, Edify intends to issue the Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation a '*Part 7ACHA written notice*', proposing the development of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the Project Area. Edify intends to develop a CHMP In accordance with Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (QLD) throughout 2025.

1.2.7 Describe any public consultation that has been, is being or will be undertaken regarding the project area, including with Indigenous stakeholders. Attach any completed consultation documentations, if relevant. *

Initial engagements with Council prior to Edify entering Landowner agreement

- Edify Energy's Project Manager met with council staff members (Mackay Regional Council's Department of Planning) on 20th July 2023 to introduce Edify's intentions to secure a BESS development opportunity in the Mackay/Central QLD region in H2-2023

Engagements with Council following Edify entering Landowner agreement

- Edify, RPS and Mackay Regional Council conducted a 'Pre-lodgement Meeting' on 16th November 2023, to further introduce Council to Edify's project development intentions

Engagements with local community at commencement of Edify's planning process:

- Edify's Project Manager initiated contact via phone calls and email with all neighbours within 1km of Project Area on 4th December 2023
- Edify issued Stakeholder Introductory Letter to x12 neighbouring residents located within 2km of Project Area on 11th January 2024
- Edify's Project Manager met with x7 neighbours at their respective residences that are located within 1km of the Project Area on 29th January 2024
- Edify's Project Manager met with council staff members (Mackay Regional Council's Department of Planning) 30th January 2024
- Edify shared draft Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (including photomontages) with adjoining neighbours via email 10th April 2024
- Regarding Edify's Planning Application that was submitted to Mackay Council 9th May 2024, public exhibition commenced 19th August 2024 and concluded 10th September 2024 with Mackay Council receiving three (3) Properly Made Submissions. Edify submitted a Response to Submissions on 27th September 2024, with Mackay Councilors to make a final determination on the Planning Application 30th October 2024.

Aboriginal Cultural & Heritage engagements:

- Edify commenced engagements with Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation 29th July 2024
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1.3.1 Identity: Referring party

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1.3.1.1 Is Referring party an organisation or business? *

Yes

Referring party organisation details

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ABN/ACN | 97117883173 |
| Organisation name | RPS AAP CONSULTING PTY LTD |
| Organisation address | 135 Abbott St, Cairns City QLD 4870 |

Referring party details

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| Name | Liam Honey |
| Job title | Senior Environmental Consultant |
| Phone | 0498516596 |
| Email | liam.honey@rpsconsulting.com |
| Address | |

1.3.2 Identity: Person proposing to take the action

1.3.2.1 Are the Person proposing to take the action details the same as the Referring party details? *

No

1.3.2.2 Is Person proposing to take the action an organisation or business? *

Yes

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| Person proposing to take the action organisation details | |
| ABN/ACN | 85606684995 |
| Organisation name | EDIFY ENERGY PTY. LTD. |
| Organisation address | 2095 NSW |
| Person proposing to take the action details | |
| Name | Patrick Dale |
| Job title | Senior Development Manager |
| Phone | +61 2 8790 4044 |
| Email | patrick.dale@edifyenergy.com |

Address

Edify Energy, Level 3, 201 Charlotte Street Brisbane, QLD, 4000, Turrbal
Country

1.3.2.14 Are you proposing the action as part of a Joint Venture? *

No

1.3.2.15 Are you proposing the action as part of a Trust? *

No

1.3.2.17 Describe the Person proposing the action's history of responsible environmental management including details of any proceedings under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law for the protection of the environment or the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources against the Person proposing to take the action. *

The Proponent has sought appropriate approval through the state planning framework and EPBC Act. The Proponent therefore understands and functions in accordance with any Queensland and Commonwealth environmental laws and requirements, including management practices. The Proponent commits to undertake all activities in accordance with the Edify Energy Best Practice Charter (Edify Energy, 2023).

The Proponent is deemed to have a satisfactory record of responsible environmental management and will act in accordance with any state and federal requirements for the Project.

The Proponent has previously referred the following actions under the EPBC Act:

1. Gannawarra Solar Farm Development, Vic (2016/7807)
2. Solar Farm development, north-west of Collinsville, Qld (2016/7824)
3. Stage 2 Solar Farm Development, north-west of Collinsville, Queensland (2017/7904)
4. Majors Creek Solar Farm, south of Townsville, Queensland (2017/7963)
5. Darlington Point Solar Farm, near Darlington Point, NSW (2018/8218)
6. Smoky Creek Solar Farm, north of Biloela, Queensland (2021/9030)
7. EGH2 Green Hydrogen Project, south of Townsville, Queensland (2023/09604)
8. Callide Solar Power Station, near Biloela, Queensland (2024/09863)

Separately, regarding Edify's 'enviro policy', Edify commits to undertake all activities in accordance with the Edify Energy Best Practice Charter, please refer to Att. 2. Edify Energy - Best Practice Charter.

There are nil proceedings against Edify

1.3.2.18 If the person proposing to take the action is a corporation, provide details of the corporation's environmental policy and planning framework

Edify Energy commits to undertake all activities in accordance with the Edify Energy Best Practice Charter. See Att.2 Edify Energy - Best Practice Charter. See below for a brief summary:

The Edify Energy Best Practice Charter outlines the company's dedication to sustainable renewable energy development in Australia. Key commitments include:

1. Sustainable Transition: Leading the shift to clean energy.
2. Community Engagement: Actively consulting with local communities and traditional owners.
3. Transparency: Providing clear information about projects.
4. Support for Local Communities: Engaging in social initiatives and promoting local benefits.
5. Economic Growth: Encouraging local employment and procurement.
6. Environmental Responsibility: Minimizing impacts and managing land sustainably.
7. Equity in Employment: Ensuring fair hiring practices and diversity.

Overall, the charter promotes a relationship-driven approach focused on quality, safety, and community benefits.

1.3.3 Identity: Proposed designated proponent

1.3.3.1 Are the Proposed designated proponent details the same as the Person proposing to take the action? *

Yes

Proposed designated proponent organisation details

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| ABN/ACN | 85606684995 |
| Organisation name | EDIFY ENERGY PTY. LTD. |
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Proposed designated proponent details

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1.3.4 Identity: Summary of allocation

✔ Confirmed Referring party's identity

The Referring party is the person preparing the information in this referral.

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| Organisation name | RPS AAP CONSULTING PTY LTD |
| Organisation address | 135 Abbott St, Cairns City QLD 4870 |
| Representative's name | Liam Honey |
| Representative's job title | Senior Environmental Consultant |
| Phone | 0498516596 |
| Email | liam.honey@rpsconsulting.com |
| Address | |

✔ Confirmed Person proposing to take the action's identity

The Person proposing to take the action is the individual, business, government agency or trustee that will be responsible for the proposed action.

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| ABN/ACN | 85606684995 |
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✔ Confirmed Proposed designated proponent's identity

The Person proposing to take the action is the individual or organisation proposed to be responsible for meeting the requirements of the EPBC Act during the assessment process, if the Minister decides that this project is a controlled action.

Same as Person proposing to take the action information.

1.4 Payment details: Payment exemption and fee waiver

1.4.1 Do you qualify for an exemption from fees under EPBC Regulation 5.23 (1) (a)? *

No

1.4.3 Have you applied for or been granted a waiver for full or partial fees under Regulation 5.21A? *

No

1.4.5 Are you going to apply for a waiver of full or partial fees under EPBC Regulation 5.21A?

No

1.4.7 Has the department issued you with a credit note? *

No

1.4.9 Would you like to add a purchase order number to your invoice? *

No

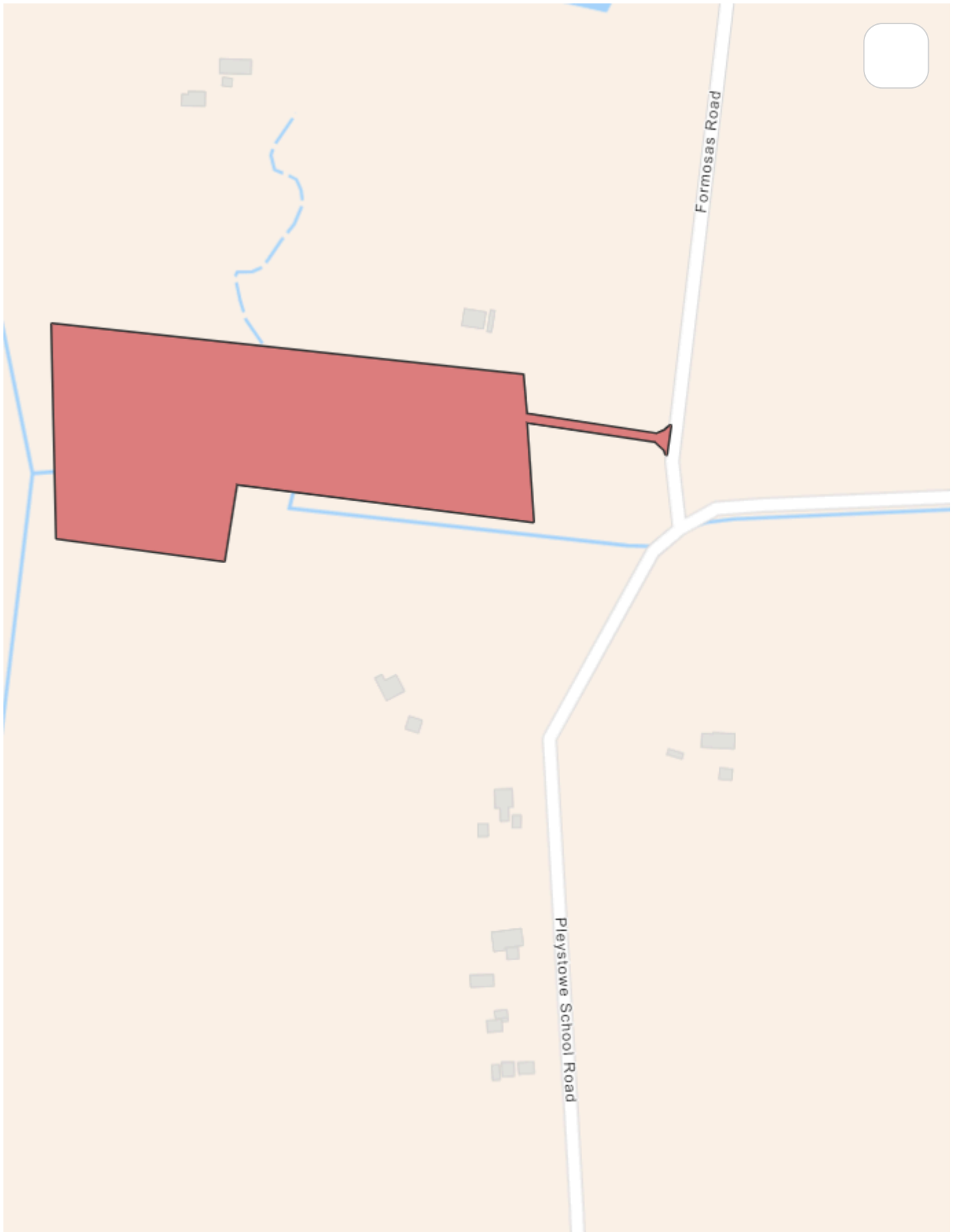
1.4 Payment details: Payment allocation

1.4.11 Who would you like to allocate as the entity responsible for payment? *

Person proposing to take the action

2. Location

2.1 Project footprint



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Project area: 5.38 Ha

Disturbance footprint: 5.38 Ha

2.2 Footprint details

2.2.1 What is the address of the proposed action? *

Formosas Road situated on part of Lot 20 SP262709

2.2.2 Where is the primary jurisdiction of the proposed action? *

Queensland

2.2.3 Is there a secondary jurisdiction for this proposed action? *

No

2.2.5 What is the tenure of the action area relevant to the project area? *

The whole of the Project Area is freehold land.

3. Existing environment

3.1 Physical description

3.1.1 Describe the current condition of the project area's environment.

The Project Area is currently used for agricultural purposes and has a land use listed as Irrigated Cropping. As sugar cane has been historically cropped within the Project Area, the site has been historically cleared and no native vegetation remains within the Project Area. As the Project Area has been historically used for sugarcane production this will almost certainly involve adding fertilisers and pesticides to the proposed Project Area with heavy machinery used across the Project Area leading to highly disturbed soils. The Ecological survey found one native plant, macaranga (*Macaranga tanarius*) during the survey, however this was out side of the Project Area. There is also a drainage line at the far western side of the Project Area which is man made and surrounded by an exotic plant *Typha* sp.

The Project Area is located approximately 15km west of Mackay with the closest listed residential land use approximately 420m to the north and 100m to the south with the closest rural locality (Pleystowe) sitting approximately 2km away to the north west.

3.1.2 Describe any existing or proposed uses for the project area.

The existing use for the Project Area has been sugar cane production with its proposed use to be a Battery Energy Storage System. The Project Area is surrounded primarily by irrigated cropping land, grazing native vegetation land and semi isolated residential areas.

3.1.3 Describe any outstanding natural features and/or any other important or unique values that applies to the project area.

There are no outstanding natural features within the Project Area.

3.1.4 Describe the gradient (or depth range if action is to be taken in a marine area) relevant to the project area.

The Project Areas highest elevation sits at approximately 38m above sea level (ASL) on its southern boundary falling to approximately 33m ASL on its north eastern boundary. The Project Area also slopes of from the south eastern boundary to the western boundary from approximately 37m ASL to 29 m ASL.

3.2 Flora and fauna

3.2.1 Describe the flora and fauna within the affected area and attach any investigations of surveys if applicable.

As the Project Area has been historically cleared for sugar cane production, no native vegetation remains within the Project Area. The only native fauna species observed within the Project Area was a bush-stone curlew (*Burhinus grallarius*) and a deceased pheasant coucal (*Centropus phasianinus*) on the Project Area boundary. There were a selection of other bird species either flying over the Project Area or in vegetation outside the Project Area such as: white-faced heron (*Egretta novaehollandiae*), whistling kite (*Haliastur sphenurus*), black kite (*Milvus migrans*), noisy friarbird (*Philemon corniculatus*) and willie wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*) all of which are listed as Least Concern under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and not listed under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Please refer to Att. 1, Section 4.

Non-native flora observed within the project site included:

- billygoat weed (*Ageratum conyzoides*),
- joy weed (*Alternanthera ficoidea*)
- cobblers pegs (*Bidens pilosa*)
- red powder puffs (*Calliandra haematocephala*)
- rhodes grass (*Chloris gayana*)
- duranta (*Duranta erecta*)
- Lantana (*Lantana*)
- red natal grass (*Melinis repens*)

- common sensitive plant (*Mimosa pudica*)
- devil's fig (*Solanum torvum*)
- cattail (*Typha* sp)

Refer to Att.1 Ecological Assessment Report, Section 4.4.2, pp 19.

No non-native fauna were observed, refer to Att.1 Ecological Assessment Report, Section 5.1.3, pp 34.

3.2.2 Describe the vegetation (including the status of native vegetation and soil) within the project area.

There is no native vegetation remaining within the Project Area, the only vegetation on site was sugar cane and the occasional weed species, refer to Att.1 Ecological Assessment Report, Section 4.4.2, pp 19. The soil has been highly disturbed and cane farming impacts the soil by causing erosion, depleting nutrients, and leading to soil compaction due to heavy machinery use. Intensive irrigation can result in waterlogging and salinity issues, while the runoff of fertilisers and pesticides can degrade soil and water quality. Additionally, the reduction in soil organic matter and changes in soil pH can further affect soil health.

3.3 Heritage

3.3.1 Describe any Commonwealth heritage places overseas or other places recognised as having heritage values that apply to the project area.

No commonwealth Heritage places or other places recognised as having heritage values occur on the Project Area or would be affected by indirect impacts associated with the proposed action.

3.3.2 Describe any Indigenous heritage values that apply to the project area.

No indigenous heritage values are known in the Project Area.

3.4 Hydrology

3.4.1 Describe the hydrology characteristics that apply to the project area and attach any hydrological investigations or surveys if applicable. *

A Storm Water Management Plan and hydrological investigation was carried out across the Project Area, refer to Att. 3 Stormwater Management Plan. To summarise, the proposed development will not result in any adverse impacts in relation to peak flow rates or peak water levels for neighbouring properties and roadways.

The project site currently operates as a cane field which has the potential to release excess nutrients through waterways from farm fertilizers, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, which have the potential to increase nutrient loads for waterways that discharge to the Great Barrier Reef typically during major flood events. It is noted however, that the site drains to a channelised stormwater drain which traverses 860 m to Bakers Creek which flows for 22 km to its estuary and meets the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park approximately 22 km down stream before discharging to the Coral Sea and eventually the GBR.

Directly overland the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park sits approximately 8.1km from the Project Area up the inlet of the Pioneer River and the closest coast line of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park sits approximately 19km away from the Project Area.

Herbicides from farm water runoff are also a concern due to their potential impact on a range of marine plant species such as corals, sea-grass and macro-algae.

The change of use of the project site from an agricultural farm to a Battery Energy Storage System is likely to improve the quality of stormwater being released offsite and potentially reduce the potential for impacts to the GBR as a result. Edify have prepared a Stormwater Management Plan (refer to Att. 3 Stormwater Management Plan) which will ensure there are erosion and sediment controls implemented to capture sediment laden waters from the project site during the construction and operational phases of the BESS.

The hydrological characteristics of the project area have been assessed based on existing site conditions and potential impacts associated with the proposed development. The site predominantly features a flow regime influenced by external catchments, particularly at the western boundary, where larger external inflows dominate hydrological behaviour.

A comprehensive hydrological investigation was conducted within this stormwater management plan. This assessment demonstrated that the proposed development will not result in significant adverse impacts regarding peak flow rates or water levels for nearby properties and infrastructure. The modelling results show that while there is an anticipated increase in runoff volume due to increased impervious surfaces, measures such as detention basins are incorporated to mitigate potential impacts. Specifically, at the eastern side of the site, a detention basin with a capacity of 622 m³ is proposed to manage peak flow rates during the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) event, ensuring no adverse impact on existing Powerlink infrastructure and other downstream receiving waters such as the GBRMP.

The project area is situated approximately 8.1 km from the nearest inlet to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (GBRMP) and roughly 19 km from the closest coastal boundary of the GBRMP. Considering this proximity, there is potential hydrological connectivity and natural buffering of the quality of discharging water between the site and the GBRMP through downstream watercourses that flow toward the coastline. The proposed development includes mitigation measures designed to maintain the pre-development flow regime and minimise changes in hydrological characteristics that could impact these watercourses.

As described in the modelling results, peak flow rates at the existing discharge location on the northern site boundary will not change, and the maximum observed increase in water level within the site's western drain is only 3 mm. This minor variation is not expected to contribute to any significant changes in hydrological connectivity to the GBRMP. The implementation of these measures structures will further help manage peak discharge and flow velocities, reducing the risk of erosion and sediment transport that could otherwise affect water quality in the downstream network leading to the GBRMP.

4. Impacts and mitigation

4.1 Impact details

Potential Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) relevant to your proposed action area.

| EPBC Act section | Controlling provision | Impacted | Reviewed |
|------------------|---|----------|----------|
| S12 | World Heritage | No | Yes |
| S15B | National Heritage | No | Yes |
| S16 | Ramsar Wetland | No | Yes |
| S18 | Threatened Species and Ecological Communities | No | Yes |
| S20 | Migratory Species | No | Yes |
| S21 | Nuclear | No | Yes |
| S23 | Commonwealth Marine Area | No | Yes |
| S24B | Great Barrier Reef | No | Yes |

| EPBC Act section | Controlling provision | Impacted | Reviewed |
|------------------|--|----------|----------|
| S24D | Water resource in relation to large coal mining development or coal seam gas | No | Yes |
| S26 | Commonwealth Land | No | Yes |
| S27B | Commonwealth Heritage Places Overseas | No | Yes |
| S28 | Commonwealth or Commonwealth Agency | No | Yes |

4.1.1 World Heritage

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

A direct impact is a direct consequence of an action taken – for example, clearing of habitat for a threatened species or permanent shading on an ecological community as the result of installing solar panels.

An indirect impact is an 'indirect consequence' such as a downstream impact or a facilitated third-party action.

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4.1.1.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.1.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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The project site currently operates as a cane field which has the potential to release excess nutrients through waterways from farm fertilizers, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, which have the potential to increase nutrient loads for waterways that discharge to the Great Barrier Reef typically during major flood events. It is noted however, that the site drains to a channelised stormwater drain which traverses 860 m to Bakers Creek which flows for 22 km to its estuary and meets the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park approximately 22 km down stream before discharging to the Coral Sea and eventually the GBR.

Directly overland the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park sits approximately 8.1km from the Project Area up the inlet of the Pioneer River and the closest coast line of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park sits approximately 19km away from the Project Area.

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The change of use of the project site from an agricultural farm to a Battery Energy Storage System is likely to improve the quality of stormwater being released offsite and potentially reduce the potential for impacts to the GBR as a result. Edify have prepared a Stormwater Management Plan (refer to Att. 3 Stormwater Management Plan) which will ensure there are erosion and sediment controls implemented to capture sediment laden waters from the project site during the construction and operational phases of the BESS.

The proposed development, located 8.1 km from the nearest inlet and 19 km from the closest coastal boundary of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage site, is designed to prevent direct or indirect impacts on the reef's outstanding universal values.

A detention basin and flow control measures will maintain pre-development flow rates, reducing the risk of erosion, sediment transport, and pollutants reaching downstream watercourses.

Given the distance of the project site from the GBRMP, there is a natural hydrological buffering effect through the shear length of flow path to that sensitive area. Any surface water leaving the project area must pass through multiple watercourses and natural features before reaching the GBRMP, which would further attenuate any residual impacts from the site. The proposed action follows environmental best practices to ensure no significant effect on the Great Barrier Reef's values.

Given these factors, the proposed action is unlikely to have any direct or indirect impact on the outstanding universal values of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage site. The management strategies and mitigation measures put in place will ensure that stormwater is effectively controlled and that the ecological integrity of the Great Barrier Reef is preserved.

With reference to the attached mapping, the following notes are made in relation to the drainage and waterway features in the vicinity of the project:

- the Pioneer River is located approximately 2.3 km north of the proposed BESS. It is noted though that runoff from the site in normal or low flow conditions is conveyed to the north then east, rather than to the Pioneer River.
- Waterway Barrier Works mapping illustrates:
 - Low risk (green) waterway barrier works mapping feature at the western discharge location,
 - 0.67 km to the north, this waterway discharge to a High Risk (red) waterway barrier works mapping feature,
 - 0.38 km to the east, this waterway is mapped as a Major Risk (purple) waterway barrier works mapping feature.

This Major Risk waterway barrier work feature, at its confluence with a number of other WWBW features becomes a Major Risk (tidal) feature approximately 12.5 km (as the crow flies) from the BESS, before flowing approximately a further 1.8 km where the World Heritage Mapping features starts (refer to Att. 3 Stormwater Management Plan).

4.1.2 National Heritage

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

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4.1.2.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.2.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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The project site currently operates as a cane field which has the potential to release excess nutrients through waterways from farm fertilizers, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, which have the potential to increase nutrient loads for waterways that discharge to the Great Barrier Reef typically during major flood events. It is noted however, that the site drains to a channelised stormwater drain which traverses 860 m to Bakers Creek which flows for 22 km to its estuary and meets the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park approximately 22 km down stream before discharging to the Coral Sea and eventually the GBR.

Directly overland the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park sits approximately 8.1km from the Project Area up the inlet of the Pioneer River and the closest coast line of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park sits approximately 19km away from the Project Area.

Herbicides from farm water runoff are also a concern due to their potential impact on a range of marine plant species such as corals, sea-grass and macro-algae.

The change of use of the project site from an agricultural farm to a Battery Energy Storage System is likely to improve the quality of stormwater being released offsite and potentially reduce the potential for impacts to the GBR as a result. Edify have prepared a Stormwater Management Plan (refer to Att. 3 Stormwater Management Plan) which will ensure there are erosion and sediment controls implemented to capture sediment laden waters from the project site during the construction and operational phases of the BESS.

The proposed development, located 8.1 km from the nearest inlet and 19 km from the Great Barrier Reef National Heritage site, is designed to avoid any direct or indirect impact on the site's official values.

The proposed stormwater mitigation measures, including a detention basin, will maintain pre-development flow conditions, reducing risks associated with runoff, erosion, and sedimentation.

The natural landscape and existing landforms between the site and the reef acts as an additional buffer to further reduce any potential impact.

The action follows best practices to ensure no adverse effect on the National Heritage values of the Great Barrier Reef, refer to Att. 3 Stormwater Management Plan.

4.1.3 Ramsar Wetland

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

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4.1.3.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.3.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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The Project Area does not sit within or within proximity to a Ramsar Wetland.

4.1.4 Threatened Species and Ecological Communities

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

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Threatened species

| Direct impact | Indirect impact | Species | Common name |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| No | No | <i>Calidris acuminata</i> | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper |
| No | No | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | Curlew Sandpiper |
| No | No | <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> | Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover |
| No | No | <i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i> | Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] |
| No | No | <i>Denisonia maculata</i> | Ornamental Snake |
| No | No | <i>Dichanthium setosum</i> | bluegrass |
| No | No | <i>Egernia rugosa</i> | Yakka Skink |
| No | No | <i>Erythroriorchis radiatus</i> | Red Goshawk |
| No | No | <i>Eucalyptus raveretiana</i> | Black Ironbox |
| No | No | <i>Falco hypoleucos</i> | Grey Falcon |
| No | No | <i>Gallinago hardwickii</i> | Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe |
| No | No | <i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i> | Squatter Pigeon (southern) |
| No | No | <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> | White-throated Needletail |

| Direct impact | Indirect impact | Species | Common name |
|---------------|-----------------|---|--|
| No | No | Macroderma gigas | Ghost Bat |
| No | No | Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda | Star Finch (eastern), Star Finch (southern) |
| No | No | Numenius madagascariensis | Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew |
| No | No | Petauroides volans | Greater Glider (southern and central) |
| No | No | Phaius australis | Lesser Swamp-orchid |
| No | No | Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT) | Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) |
| No | No | Poephila cincta cincta | Southern Black-throated Finch |
| No | No | Pteropus poliocephalus | Grey-headed Flying-fox |
| No | No | Rostratula australis | Australian Painted Snipe |
| No | No | Tringa nebularia | Common Greenshank, Greenshank |
| No | No | Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli | Masked Owl (northern) |

Ecological communities

4.1.4.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.4.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

*

Given that the Project Site is currently classified as Category X vegetation and has historically been cleared for agricultural purposes such as sugar cane production, the site has limited environmental value. No clearing will occur in areas of Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), and no species listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act were observed during the site survey.

There are no listed Ecological Communities present within or within proximity to the Project Area and all species listed are unlikely to occur within the Project Area due to the lack of suitable habitat present. Any species that would possibly use the site would likely only use the site during passage and not for foraging, breeding or roosting such as widely distributed shore birds such as the Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*), however this species was last observed approximately 15km away from the Project Area over 15 years ago and breed overseas.

4.1.5 Migratory Species

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

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| Direct impact | Indirect impact | Species | Common name |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| No | No | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Common Sandpiper |
| No | No | <i>Apus pacificus</i> | Fork-tailed Swift |
| No | No | <i>Calidris acuminata</i> | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper |
| No | No | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | Curlew Sandpiper |
| No | No | <i>Calidris melanotos</i> | Pectoral Sandpiper |
| No | No | <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> | Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover |
| No | No | <i>Crocodylus porosus</i> | Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile |
| No | No | <i>Cuculus optatus</i> | Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo |
| No | No | <i>Gallinago hardwickii</i> | Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe |
| No | No | <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> | White-throated Needletail |
| No | No | <i>Monarcha melanopsis</i> | Black-faced Monarch |
| No | No | <i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i> | Satin Flycatcher |
| No | No | <i>Numenius madagascariensis</i> | Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew |
| No | No | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | Osprey |
| No | No | <i>Symposiachrus trivirgatus</i> | Spectacled Monarch |
| No | No | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Common Greenshank, Greenshank |

4.1.5.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.5.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

*

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4.1.6 Nuclear**4.1.6.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on this protected matter? ***

No

4.1.6.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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No nuclear actions are proposed.

4.1.7 Commonwealth Marine Area

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

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4.1.7.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.7.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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No Commonwealth marine areas are present within or proximate to the Project Area.

4.1.8 Great Barrier Reef

4.1.8.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on this protected matter? *

No

4.1.8.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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The project site currently operates as a cane field which has the potential to release excess nutrients through waterways from farm fertilizers, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, which have the potential to increase nutrient loads for waterways that discharge to the Great Barrier Reef typically during major flood events. It is noted however, that the site drains to a channelised stormwater drain which traverses 860 m to Bakers Creek which flows for 22 km to its estuary and meets the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park approximately 22 km down stream before discharging to the Coral Sea and eventually the GBR.

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Management Plan) which will ensure there are erosion and sediment controls implemented to capture, treat and release sediment laden waters from the project site during the construction and operational phases of the BESS.

4.1.9 Water resource in relation to large coal mining development or coal seam gas

4.1.9.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on this protected matter? *

No

4.1.9.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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No coal mine or coal seam gas activities are part of this Project.

4.1.10 Commonwealth Land

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

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4.1.10.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.10.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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The Project is situated on freehold land.

4.1.11 Commonwealth Heritage Places Overseas

You have identified your proposed action will likely directly and/or indirectly impact the following protected matters.

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4.1.11.1 Is the proposed action likely to have any direct and/or indirect impact on any of these protected matters? *

No

4.1.11.3 Briefly describe why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact.

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The Project Area is not related to Commonwealth Heritage Places Overseas.

4.1.12 Commonwealth or Commonwealth Agency

4.1.12.1 Is the proposed action to be taken by the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth Agency? *

No

4.2 Impact summary

Conclusion on the likelihood of significant impacts

You have indicated that the proposed action will likely have a significant impact on the following Matters of National Environmental Significance:

None

Conclusion on the likelihood of unlikely significant impacts

You have indicated that the proposed action will unlikely have a significant impact on the following Matters of National Environmental Significance:

- World Heritage (S12)
- National Heritage (S15B)
- Ramsar Wetland (S16)
- Threatened Species and Ecological Communities (S18)
- Migratory Species (S20)
- Nuclear (S21)
- Commonwealth Marine Area (S23)
- Great Barrier Reef (S24B)
- Water resource in relation to large coal mining development or coal seam gas (S24D)
- Commonwealth Land (S26)
- Commonwealth Heritage Places Overseas (S27B)
- Commonwealth or Commonwealth Agency (S28)

4.3 Alternatives

4.3.1 Do you have any possible alternatives for your proposed action to be considered as part of your referral? *

No

4.3.8 Describe why alternatives for your proposed action were not possible. *

Selection of the site was based on a range of factors including but not limited to desktop vegetation mapping, watercourses, proximity to the existing Pioneer Valley Sub Station, easement requirements land availability and finally the results of the site survey which included a vegetation and ecological assessment.

The final Project Area was then refined to be located wholly within areas that have been previously cleared and are mapped as Category X under the Regulation Vegetation Management maps. In doing so, the Project disturbance during construction and operations is limited to these previously cleared areas, and avoids impacting on environmentally sensitive areas.

5. Lodgement

5.1 Attachments

1.2.1 Overview of the proposed action

| | Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|-----|----------|--|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document | Att.1. Ecological Assessment Report.pdf An ecological assessment of the proposed Project Area | 07/07/2024 | High | |

1.2.6 Commonwealth or state legislation, planning frameworks or policy documents that are relevant to the proposed action

| | Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|-----|----------|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document | Att. 3. Stormwater Management Plan.pdf Stormwater Management Plan and hydrological investigation | 25/10/2024 | High | |

1.3.2.17 (Person proposing to take the action) Proposer's history of responsible environmental management

| | Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|-----|----------|--|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document | Att.2. Edify Energy - Best Practice Charter.pdf A list of Edify Energys Best Practice Charter | 01/07/2024 | High | |

1.3.2.18 (Person proposing to take the action) If the person proposing to take the action is a corporation, provide details of the corporation's environmental policy and planning framework

| | Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|-----|----------|------|------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document | | | | |

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|---|------------|------|
| Att.2. Edify Energy - Best Practice Charter.pdf | 30/06/2024 | High |
| A list of Edify Energys Best Practice Charter | | |

3.2.1 Flora and fauna within the affected area

| Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|------|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document Att. 1. Ecological Assessment Report.pdf An ecological assessment of the proposed Project Area | 08/07/2024 | High | High |

3.2.2 Vegetation within the project area

| Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|------|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document Att. 1. Ecological Assessment Report.pdf An ecological assessment of the proposed Project Area | 07/07/2024 | High | High |

3.4.1 Hydrology characteristics that apply to the project area

| Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|------|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document Att. 3. Stormwater Management Plan.pdf Stormwater Management Plan and hydrological investigation | 25/10/2024 | High | High |

4.1.1.3 (World Heritage) Why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact

| Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|------|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document Att. 3. Stormwater Management Plan.pdf Stormwater Management Plan and hydrological investigation | 25/10/2024 | High | High |

4.1.2.3 (National Heritage) Why your action is unlikely to have a direct and/or indirect impact

| Type | Name | Date | Sensitivity | Confidence |
|------|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| #1. | Document Att. 3. Stormwater Management Plan.pdf Stormwater Management Plan and hydrological investigation | 25/10/2024 | High | High |

5.2 Declarations

Completed Referring party's declaration

The Referring party is the person preparing the information in this referral.

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Check this box to indicate you have read the referral form. *

I would like to receive notifications and track the referral progress through the EPBC portal. *

By checking this box, I, **Liam Honey of RPS AAP CONSULTING PTY LTD**, declare that to the best of my knowledge the information I have given on, or attached to this EPBC Act Referral is complete, current and correct. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence. *

I would like to receive notifications and track the referral progress through the EPBC portal. *

Completed Person proposing to take the action's declaration

The Person proposing to take the action is the individual, business, government agency or trustee that will be responsible for the proposed action.

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 - I would like to receive notifications and track the referral progress through the EPBC portal. *
 - I, **Patrick Dale of EDIFY ENERGY PTY. LTD.**, declare that to the best of my knowledge the information I have given on, or attached to the EPBC Act Referral is complete, current and correct. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence. I declare that I am not taking the action on behalf or for the benefit of any other person or entity. *
 - I would like to receive notifications and track the referral progress through the EPBC portal. *
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Completed Proposed designated proponent's declaration

The Proposed designated proponent is the individual or organisation proposed to be responsible for meeting the requirements of the EPBC Act during the assessment process, if the Minister decides that this project is a controlled action.

Same as Person proposing to take the action information.

- Check this box to indicate you have read the referral form. *
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- I, **Patrick Dale of EDIFY ENERGY PTY. LTD.**, the Proposed designated proponent, consent to the designation of myself as the Proposed designated proponent for the purposes of the action described in this EPBC Act Referral. *
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