Ridgey Creek BESS – Complaints Handling Procedure

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Potentia Energy Background:

Potentia Energy is a joint venture entity co-owned by Enel Green Power and INPEX. The company is currently operating over 1.1 GW of renewable energy assets across Australia. Potentia Energy has rights secured for a development pipeline of over 9 GW across Australia and is committed to an ambitious growth agenda, targeting a significant increase to its installed capacity across wind, solar, storage and hybrid projects across Australia. Potentia Energy is committed to accelerating Australia's energy transition, driving the potential for a sustainable future.

Project Background:

The Ridgey Creek Battery Energy Storage (BESS) Project is located approximately 10 km west of Parkes in New South. The project will comprise of the construction and operation of a 130 megawatt (MW) Battery Energy Storage System and related civil and electrical infrastructure.

The project is targeted to commence in Q1 2026, with operations due to begin in early 2027. The estimated investment value of the proposed project would be more than $180 million.

The project will comprise of shipping containers which are fitted with the battery units and control equipment associated with inverters and power transformers. The layout will be arranged in a grid pattern with enough space to allow access around each unit. A substation will be constructed within the project area to enable connection via underground cabling to the closely located Parkes Substation, owned by Transgrid.

The Ridgey Creek BESS Project is approved as a State Significant Development in accordance with Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The Approvals set out conditions that must be complied with in undertaking the development. The conditions cover construction, operation, decommissioning, and administrative matters.

All related planning and approvals documentation is available at the NSW Major Project Register.

Introduction

Ridgey Creek BESS takes all complaints seriously and aims to acknowledge and resolve complaints in a timely manner.

What is a complaint and who can make a complaint.

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction made to or about Ridgey Creek BESS, related to its services or staff, where a response or resolution is explicitly or implicitly expected or legally required.

We acknowledge that anyone has a right to lodge a complaint and we will ensure that all the complaints we receive will be managed respectfully, objectively, and efficiently. At times, clarification may be required regarding whether a stakeholder is lodging a complaint rather than an enquiry.

How to lodge a complaint

- Project webpage Complaints portal: Potentia Energy | Complaints portal
  - select “File a complaint”
  - select “Complaint” as the Type
  - select the relevant project from the drop down menu
- Email: ridgeycreekbess@potentiaenergy.com.au
- Call: 1800 841 640
- Writing to Potentia Energy: Suite 23.05, One International Towers 100 Barangaroo Ave, Sydney NSW 2000.

What happens after a complaint is lodged

Where complaints are received in person, via telephone or email, we aim to provide an acknowledgement and initial response immediately if possible, or the next working day. Where complaints are received by post, we aim to provide acknowledgement and initial response within five working days.

Following this, the project team will assess the complaint and coordinate an investigation (if required) and propose resolution measures. We aim to communicate the results of investigations and proposed resolution measures within five working days.

Communication of the resolution should typically include:

- actions taken in response to the complaint
- outcome(s) of the complaint
- rationale for any decisions made
- proposed resolution

- request for feedback from the complainant as whether the information provided has resolved their complaint, and
- information on escalation options available to the complainant if required.

Further investigation of complaints

Where a complainant believes a complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily, the following escalation pathways may be explored:

Parkes Shire Council

- Website: www.parkes.nsw.gov.au
- Email: council@parkes.nsw.gov.au
- Phone: 02 6861 2333
- Post: PO Box 337, Parkes NSW 2870

NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)

- Website: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/compliance
- Email: compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au
- Phone: 1300 305 695

Office of the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

- Website: www.aeic.gov.au
- Email: aeic@aeic.gov.au
- Telephone: 1800 656 395
- Post: PO Box 24434 Melbourne VIC 3001

Environmental Protection Authority NSW

- Website: www.epa.nsw.gov.au
- Email: info@epa.nsw.gov.au
- Telephone: 131 555
- Post: EPA Head Office, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124

Complaints Register

All complaints will be recorded within an internal Project Complaints Register. This register may be made publicly available and may be provided to regulatory bodies as appropriate. Personal

information will be stored and shared in accordance with relevant privacy legislation.

The Complaints Register will include the following details:

- the complainant's name and address (if provided)
- the time and date of the incident
- a receipt number for each complaint
- a description of the complainant's concerns
- the process for investigating the complaint, and the outcome of the investigation, and
- the actions taken to resolve the complaint.