Appendix J

# Letter to nearby residents

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To the Resident # Thornells Road Tyabb VIC 3913

20 December 2020

Dear Resident,

# **Re: Proposed Mornington Battery Project**

I am contacting you on behalf of Mornington BESS Project Pty Ltd, to inform you of our company's plans to lodge a Planning Permit Application for a battery energy storage system project at 17 Thornells Road, Tyabb. The proposed project would be located immediately east of AusNet Services' Tyabb Substation to connect into the National Electricity Network.

We are currently completing site environmental studies and intend to lodge our application with Mornington Peninsula Shire Council early next year. These studies, along with your feedback, will assist us with the final project design.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss the project with you further and to address any questions or concerns that you may have. Noting the challenges associated with COVID-19 and the need to maintain social distancing, we would be happy to meet you outdoors at your property, or to arrange a telephone conversation or video call with you.

If you would like to meet in person at your property, we will be in the area on Tuesday 8 December and Wednesday 9 December 2020 between 7 am and 6 pm. Please feel free to contact us on 0409 409 433 or elle.donnelley@maoneng.co. We may also try to contact you in the coming weeks to seek your views.

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Kind regards,

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### About Us

Maoneng Australia Pty Ltd (Maoneng), the project developer, and Mornington BESS Project Pty Ltd are Australian-founded and owned. We are pioneering Australia's transition to 100% renewable energy through cutting-edge solar, battery and other utility-scale energy projects across the country. Maoneng partners with Australia's largest utilities and organisations to build and operate these projects.

Our portfolio includes nearly 300MW of constructed renewable power, enough to power over 50,000 homes across Australia, and we are in the process of developing more than 600MWh of utility-scale battery projects. More information about our company and our existing projects is available at https://maoneng.co/

### About the Mornington Battery Energy Storage System Project

The proposed project would be located directly east of AusNet Services' Tyabb Substation. This is a key reason we chose to locate the battery energy storage system at 17 Thornells Road, Tyabb.

Additionally, the site has good road access, is relatively flat and largely cleared of native woodland vegetation. Existing vegetation screening along the site boundaries will also help to minimise views of the project from surrounding residences.

#### **Project Benefits**

The proposed project would have numerous benefits to the community, including:

- enabling more renewable energy from residential rooftop solar and utility-scale wind and solar farms to be stored until it is needed during times of peak demand;
- increasing the reliability of the electricity network during times of peak energy demand and in the event of grid disturbances such as blackouts; and
- providing direct and indirect employment and business opportunities for the local and regional economy.

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# **Indicative Project Overview**

Based on preliminary designs, the proposed project would have a capacity of 240MW and comprise of:

- lithium-ion batteries housed within fully enclosed containers with associated inverters and transformers, connected by an underground cable network;
- a switchroom, control room and substation connecting the battery energy storage system to Tyabb Substation; and
- internal access roads, a temporary construction area, security fencing and screening where appropriate.

Once operational, the battery would be controlled remotely, similar to the adjacent Tyabb Substation, with only infrequent maintenance staff required on the site.

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