

4 June 2026

Hon Sonia Kilkenny MP

Minister for Planning

C/- Department of Transport and Planning (Renewables)

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Dear Minister,

Lodgement of Planning Permit Application

Winton Renewable Energy Stability and Storage Terminal, 576 Winton-Glenrowan Road, Winton, Victoria.

Cogency Australia Pty Ltd has been engaged by Celero Infrastructure Pty Ltd to prepare and lodge this planning application under section 47 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at 576 Winton-Glenrowan Road, Winton.

The proposal was discussed at a pre-application meeting held on 1 June 2026 with the Department of Transport and Planning (Renewables).

We lodge this planning application in accordance with Clause 53.23 Significant Economic Development, under the Development Facilitation Program, meaning that it is exempt from the decision requirements of sections 64(1), (2) and (3), and the review rights of sections 82(1) of the Act.

We further note that the Minister for Planning is the responsible authority for this application under clause 72.01-1 of the Benalla Planning Scheme.

Planning approval is sought from the Minister for Planning (in accordance with clause 72.01-1) for the following permit triggers:

- **Clause 35.07-1** – Section 2 Use of land for a Utility Installation
- **Clause 35.07-4** – Buildings and works associated with a Section 2 Use
- **Clause 35.07-4** – Buildings or works within 5 of a boundary
- **Clause 35.07-4** – Earthworks that change the flow of water at a boundary
- **Clause 42.02-2** – To remove destroy or lop any vegetation specified in schedule to this overlay
- **Clause 52.05-14** – To develop land for a business identification sign
- **Clause 52.06-6** – provide car parking to satisfaction of the Responsible Authority
- **Clause 52.17-1** – To remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, including dead native vegetation

Please find enclosed with this application the following documents:

- Planning permit application report, by Cogency Australia, Revision 2, 4 June 2026
- Title Plans, 4 June 2026 (Appendix A)
- Application Plans, by Cogency Australia and Celero Infrastructure, Revision 2, 28 May 2026 (Appendix B)
- Ecological Assessment, prepared by DM Consulting Pty Ltd, Revision 4, 4 June 2026 (Appendix C)



- Cultural Heritage Assessment, prepared by Niche Pty Ltd, Revision 3, 29 May 2026 (Appendix D)
- Noise Impact Assessment, prepared by SLR Consulting Pty Ltd, Revision 1.4, 29 May 2026 (Appendix E)
- Hydrology Assessment and SWMS, prepared by DCE, Revision B, 29 May 2026 (Appendix F)
- Transport Impact Assessment, prepared by One Mile Grid, Revision 2, 29 May 2026 (Appendix G)
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, prepared by Peter Haack Consulting, Revision Final, 29 May 2026 (Appendix H)
- Fire Hazard and Risk Assessment, prepared by NJM, Revision 2, June 2026 (Appendix I)

The proposal is considered to bring a number of significant benefits to the local community and the state as a whole, including:

- Increased energy storage capacity for the National Electricity Market (NEM)
- Enhanced energy reliability during periods of energy generation
- Support for the transition to clean and renewable energy sources
- Lower electricity costs by storing energy when supply exceeds demand
- Local employment and contracting opportunities during construction and operation
- Benefit-sharing framework to support the local community

Please refer to the Planning Report for further information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0409 132 178 or at adam@cogencyaustralia.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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