

**Grant Thompson**

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Dear Grant,

**Kojonup Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Application for Development Approval**

Mint Renewables Pty Ltd (Mint) seeks development approval for the Kojonup Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (the Project), a proposed project with an indicative capacity of approximately 800MWh (100 MW x 8 hours) located approximately 3 km north-west of Kojonup.

*Triggers for Development Approval*

The Project is situated within the local government area of the Shire of Kojonup and is subject to the requirements of the Shire of Kojonup Town Planning Scheme and relevant State Planning Policies.

The Project seeks development approval through the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) process, with the Shire of Kojonup acting as the Responsible Authority in preparing a report to the DAP.

The application is supported by a detailed Planning Assessment addressing the Deemed Provisions under Clause 67 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, the objectives of the Shire of Kojonup Town Planning Scheme No. 3, and relevant State planning instruments, including State Planning Policy 1 (State Planning Framework), SPP 2.0, SPP 2.5, SPP 3.7, the State Planning Strategy 2050, and the WAPC Position Statement - Renewable Energy Facilities. The application demonstrates that, while BESS are not specifically listed within TPS No. 3, the proposal is appropriately assessed as a 'use not listed' and is consistent with the objectives of the Rural Zone, having regard to scale, siting, separation distances and compatibility with surrounding agricultural land uses.

The Project will contribute to Western Australia's transition to a secure and reliable renewable energy network by facilitating large-scale energy storage infrastructure in an appropriate rural location, while minimising land use conflict and environmental impacts.

*Consultation*

The Project's engagement program commenced publicly in September 2025, with a purpose to:

- Build stakeholder and community awareness of the Project ahead of submission of the planning application.
- Provide clear information through public channels to assist in understanding of the proposal.
- Collect feedback from the community and key stakeholders to inform the Project design and development.

Discussions have been undertaken with Council and authorities, including the Shire of Kojonup, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA), Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (DEED)/ Energy Policy WA/Jobs, Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation (GKB AC) and Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar Aboriginal Corporation (WKS AC), as well as a range of other stakeholders.

In September 2025, the Project commenced neighbour outreach, followed by three community drop-ins in October 2025. The drop-in sessions were advertised and promoted across a broad range of channels. In November, the Project undertook another round of neighbor outreach, offering one-on-one meetings and door knocked adjoining properties. The Project launched a community survey to gather local insights on the environment, heritage, water and bushfire history, traffic, communication, and benefit sharing opportunities. The survey remained open until early 2026.

*Application Fee*

The application fees for the Project are as follows:

- \$17,097 (*Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011* – Schedule 1) and;
- \$34,196 (*Planning and Development Regulations 2009* – Schedule 2).

The sum of these application fees (\$51,293) has been paid in full, to the Shire of Kojonup.

#### *Conclusion*

The Project is considered to have met the current requirements and policy direction of the Shire of Kojonup Town Planning Scheme No. 3, relevant State Planning Policies, and associated guidelines. The application is supported by environmental and technical assessments, including hydrology, noise, traffic, landscape and visual impact, and bushfire risk and management having regard to SPP 3.7 and Clause 67(2)(q) of the Deemed Provisions.

The application confirms the Project is suitable as:

- The Project supports the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land.
- The Project will support the creation of a renewable, affordable and reliable energy supply using large-scale energy storage technology, by providing an indicative nominal installed capacity of up to approximately 800MWh.
- The Project supports a strong and innovative economy through the provision of construction jobs and ongoing employment through this emerging technology project.
- The Project is compatible and complementary to the current land use and is strategically located adjacent to existing transmission infrastructure.
- The Project will not adversely impact the amenity of the local area. Landscape and visual, noise and traffic impact assessments have been undertaken to confirm required mitigation measures to minimise any perceived impact to the local community.
- The Project has been designed to avoid impacts to high-value vegetation where practicable. Any native vegetation clearing required for the Project will be managed in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and relevant regulations.
- A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System and other relevant heritage databases has informed the Project design. Mint will continue to engage with Traditional Owner groups and undertake appropriate heritage surveys, where required, to ensure avoidance of impacts and compliance with relevant heritage legislation.

We look forward to working with you as this application is assessed and are happy to provide any further details as required.

Kind regards,



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