



22 April 2026

Dear Resident,

RE: Bulabul Battery, Stage 1 -**Application to Extend Weekend Construction Hours**

<b>Project</b>	Bulabul Battery 1 Project (formerly Wellington Battery Energy Storage System Project)
<b>Location</b>	Twelve Mile Road Wellington, Dubbo Regional Council local government area, NSW
<b>Project Owner</b>	AMPYR Australia Pty Ltd
<b>Contractor</b>	RJE Global Pty Ltd (Balance of Plant Contractor)

## Summary

- **What is being proposed:** AMPYR (project owner) and RJE Global (the balance-of-plant contractor building the battery) are applying to the NSW Planning Secretary to extend weekend construction hours on Saturdays (to 7:00 am – 6:00 pm) and introduce a limited Sunday window (8:00 am – 1:00 pm) at the Bulabul Battery 1 site.
- **Faster project completion:** extending Saturday hours and adding a limited Sunday window (8:00 am - 1:00 pm) recovers weather-related downtime and shortens the overall construction period, meaning the site reaches completion and commissioning sooner - reducing the total time residents live alongside an active construction site.
- **Noise already verified as low:** independent monitoring by Advitech in December 2025 at the three nearest homes found construction noise was barely audible or inaudible, and well within the applicable limits - even during the most sensitive early-morning period.
- **RJE's commitments to minimise impact:** low-noise plant and equipment, avoiding simultaneous high-noise activities, positioning noisy equipment away from homes, and retaining the existing 4-metre earth bund and acoustic screening around the works area.
- **Extra protections on Sundays:** only low-noise activities will be permitted, with mandatory pre-work notification and real-time noise monitoring at the nearest residential boundary whenever external plant is operating.
- **Open line of communication:** Melissa Bird (AMPYR Community Contact) is available to meet in person at a time and place that suits you, and will respond to any concerns raised during or after the works.

## Details

We are writing to inform you of an application being made to the NSW Planning Secretary to vary the approved weekend construction hours at the Bulabul Battery 1 Project (the Project) site near



Wellington, NSW. This letter is being sent to you as a nearby resident or landowner, as part of our commitment to keeping the local community informed and engaged throughout the construction of the Project.

AMPYR Australia Pty Ltd (AMPYR), as the project owner, is committed to keeping the local community informed and involved in decisions that may affect them. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to reach out with any questions or comments you may have.

### 1. Current Approved Construction Hours

Under Condition B15 of the Development Consent, the currently approved construction hours are:

Day	Currently Approved Hours
Monday to Friday	7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday	<i>No construction permitted</i>
NSW Public Holidays	<i>No construction permitted</i>

### 2. Proposed Extended Construction Hours

AMPYR, on behalf of the project contractor RJE Global Pty Ltd, is seeking approval from the NSW Planning Secretary to vary the construction hours on weekends as follows:

Day	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Monday to Friday	7:00 am – 6:00 pm	<i>No change</i>
Saturday	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	<b>7:00 am – 6:00 pm</b>
Sunday	<i>No construction permitted</i>	<b>8:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>
NSW Public Holidays	<i>No construction permitted</i>	<i>No change</i>

### 3. Why Extended Hours Are Being Sought

The application to vary construction hours has been made for a number of practical reasons relating to the efficient and safe delivery of the Project. The key reasons are outlined below.

**Programme recovery and productivity.** The current Saturday window of five hours limits the productive construction hours available each week. Extending Saturday hours to align with weekday hours would provide an additional six hours of work per Saturday, and the introduction of Sunday



hours (8:00 am to 1:00 pm) would further assist in managing the construction programme. This would also help reduce the overall duration of the construction phase, allowing the site to reach completion and commissioning sooner.

**Weather-related productivity loss.** The Wellington region experiences a semi-arid climate with significant seasonal weather variability that directly impacts construction productivity. These include:

- Extreme heat during late summer and early autumn (temperatures reaching or exceeding 35°C), which requires work stoppages under industry Enterprise Bargaining Agreements and SafeWork NSW guidance;
- Autumn and winter rainfall events causing disruption to earthworks, concrete pours, and site access; and
- Winter frost conditions (Wellington experiences approximately 30–40 frost days per year) which can delay the commencement of outdoor activities in the mornings.

Over the period from March to August 2026, it is estimated that weather-related interruptions could result in a cumulative loss of approximately 48 to 80 productive construction hours. Extended weekend hours provide a critical buffer to recover this lost productivity without extending the overall construction programme duration.

#### 4. Noise and Environmental Commitments

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We understand that extended construction hours have the potential to affect nearby residents, and we want to assure you that protecting the amenity of the surrounding community remains a priority.

Independent noise monitoring was conducted by Advitech Pty Limited in December 2025, which assessed construction noise during out-of-hours work at the site. Monitoring was undertaken at the three nearest sensitive receiver locations during the most acoustically sensitive period (4:00 am to 7:00 am). The results demonstrated that construction noise at all monitored locations was well within the applicable noise limits, with site contributions found to be barely audible or inaudible at all receiver locations.

The following noise mitigation measures will continue to be implemented during extended hours:

- Use of plant and equipment with low noise emission characteristics;
- Avoiding simultaneous operation of multiple high-noise items of plant where practicable;
- Ongoing maintenance of all plant and equipment;
- Positioning of stationary noise-generating equipment as far as practicable from residences;
- Retention of the existing 4-metre earth bund and acoustic screening surrounding the works area; and
- For Sunday construction specifically, activities will be restricted to low-noise operations only, with mandatory pre-work notification to the Environment and Community team and real-time noise monitoring at the nearest sensitive receiver boundary for any work involving external plant operation.



## 5. How to Provide Feedback

As part of this consultation process, AMPYR are kindly seeking your acknowledgement and support for the proposed extended construction hours. Your approval forms an important part of the community engagement record that is required to accompany our application to the NSW Planning Secretary.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person and hear any thoughts you may have. I am flexible to come to you - whether at your property or another location of your choosing. If you are comfortable to do so, I would ask that we complete a brief Community Engagement Record together, which simply documents that we have spoken and that you have been informed of the proposed changes. Alternatively, if you are satisfied with the information provided in this letter, you are welcome to provide your support simply by replying to this email.

We welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you may have regarding this application. Please contact me directly.

### Community Contact - Bulabul Battery 1 Project

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All responses received will be considered as part of this application and, where relevant, provided to the NSW Planning Secretary. If we do not hear from you by **Wednesday 6 May 2026**, we will note in our application that consultation was undertaken and that no response was received from your property.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We are committed to maintaining an open and transparent relationship with the community throughout the construction of the Bulabul Battery 1 Project.

Yours sincerely,



**Melissa Bird**

Owner's Site Representative & Community Relations Manager

AMPYR Australia, Bulabul Battery.