Department of Planning and Environment



Our ref: SSI-10033

Ms Lauren Barnaby Manager Environment and Community Origin Energy Eraring Pty Ltd By email

07/12/2022

Subject: Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion Project – Main Works – Response to Submissions

Dear Ms Barnaby

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion Project – Main Works (SSI-10033) ended on 6 December 2022.

The Department notes that advice from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department's Water Group, Heritage Council of NSW, WaterNSW, NSW Environmental Protection Authority, Department's Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate and Wingecarribee Shire Council are still outstanding and will be forwarded to you once received.

All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition can be viewed at: <u>https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/shoalhaven-hydro-expansion-project-main-works</u>. In this regard, once you have had a chance to review the submissions, the Department would like to meet with you to discuss the issues raised.

You are requested to prepare a written response to the issues raised in the submissions, including the full range of matters and recommendations raised in the agency advice. The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines* including *Appendix C - Preparing a Submissions Report*.

Please lodge your submissions report by progressing the application on the NSW major projects planning portal <u>https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact lwan Davies, on 02 9274 6296 or via email at iwan.davies@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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