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Dear Maddy,

In reference to The New Forest High School (SSD-26876801).

Ausgrid would like to thank you for seeking input and feedback regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Ausgrid has undertaken a review of the EIS and associated information in relation to potential impacts or interfaces with Ausgrid's electricity infrastructure.

Prior to any construction being carried out, plans must be submitted to Ausgrid for approval to determine whether the development will affect Ausgrid's network or easements. The developer must identify any potential impacts of the proposed construction and operation on the existing utility infrastructure and service provider assets and demonstrate how these will be protected or impacts mitigated.

Ausgrid notes that in Appendix EE - Electrical Services Report the proponent has commenced consultation with Ausgrid regarding impacts to existing overhead and underground assets located within the project site.

We encourage the proponent to continue to discuss their requirements including any new supply connections to the Ausgrid electricity network directly with Ausgrid as needed.

Regarding the existing 132,000 V overhead assets and associated easements that are positioned within the site, the designs will need to consider Ausgrid's easement conditions.

These are outlined below:

#### Purpose Of Easement

This easement was acquired for the 132,000 volt transmission assets currently owned and operated by Ausgrid. The purpose of the easement is to protect the transmission assets and to provide adequate working space along the route of the lines for construction and maintenance work. The easement also assists Ausgrid in controlling works or other activities under or near the transmission lines which could either by accident or otherwise create an unsafe situation for workers or the public, or reduce the security and reliability of Ausgrid's network.

The Following Conditions Apply for any Activities Within the Electricity Easement:

1. All construction works on or near the easement and/or powerlines must adhere to the Safework NSW – Work Near Overhead Powerlines: Code of Practice, 2006
2. Ausgrid is not responsible for the reinstatement of any finished surface within the easement site.
3. Ausgrid requires 24 hour access along the easement for plant and personnel. For the purpose of exercising its rights under the easement, Ausgrid may cut fences and/or walls and install gates in them.

Where the easements on a site do not provide practical access to all of Ausgrid's infrastructure, a

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suitable right of access at least 5m wide must be provided to each asset.

4. Access driveways shall withstand the weight of a heavy rigid truck when fully laden weighing 30 tonne.
5. Access gates, minimum 4.5 metres wide, may be required in all fences crossing the transmission line easement.
6. No vehicles, plant or equipment having a height exceeding 4.6 metres are to be brought into the easement site without written approval from Ausgrid.
7. Vehicles brought into the easement, with a height less than 4.6m but having an extension capable of extending greater than 4.6m above ground, must not have that extension operated at all whilst within the easement.
8. Adequate removable protection must be installed to prevent vehicles inadvertently colliding with the transmission tower. This proposed form of protection must be forwarded to Ausgrid for review and consent.
9. All metal work within the easement site including metallic fencing, are to be locally earthed by a qualified electrician via a 50 sq. mm stranded copper, insulated earthwire bonded to a copper-clad earth stake driven at least 1.6 metres into the ground.
10. Metallic fencing is generally not permitted to extend away from the easement site unless an insulating section is installed, at least 3 metres wide. This requirement maybe relaxed upon assessment of a supplied fencing design.
11. No buildings/structures or parts thereof constructed may encroach the easement.
12. No obstruction of any type shall be placed within 10 metres of any part of a transmission line structure except where installed to protect transmission structure from vehicle impacts when Ausgrid has approved such structures.
13. Care must be taken to prevent any damage to underground metalwork which can extend up to 15 metres away from the transmission line structure.
14. The storage of non-flammable materials is allowable provided access is maintained along the easement and subject to height limitations of 2.5 metres if climbable or 4.6 metres if not climbable. Lifting of materials within the easement area must consider the clearance requirements given in Safework NSW Code of Practice.
15. The erection of minor structures such as clothes hoists, barbecues, and the like are permitted within the easement site provided they do not exceed a height of 2.5 metres if climbable or 4.6m if not climbable, and the metallic components are earthed. The positioning of such structures should allow a 5m wide vehicular access along the full length of the subject easement area. Ausgrid reserves the right to remove such structures where required for safety, access and maintenance.
16. The flying of kites, model aircraft etc. is not permitted within the easement site.
17. Trees, shrubs, or plants which have a mature height of greater than 3.0m, or climbable portions greater than 2.5m above ground, are not permitted within the easement. The planting of other vegetation is to ensure Ausgrid's access and maintenance requirements are maintained.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Regards,



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