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Dear Mr Jones,

Tallawarra B Power Station Project Approval (MP07_0124) Vegetation Offset Plan (Condition 3.41) Updating and Staging of Studies, Strategies and Plans (Condition 7.8)

The Tallawarra B OCGT Vegetation Offset Plan (version 2.3) was prepared to satisfy Condition 3.41 of the Tallawarra B Power Station Project Approval to offset the biodiversity impacts resulting from the removal of any native vegetation. The preferred location identified in the Plan was north of Tallawarra Power Station along the northern section of the Yallah Creek drainage line which connects to the Mt Brown Conservation Area. DPE approved this Vegetation Offset Plan (as Appendix I in the Environmental Management Strategy) in February 2022.

Recent advice from the local Country Fire Association was used to establish that the existing grazed grasslands between the Yallah Creek riparian zone and the Mt Brown Conservation Area serves as an important firebreak. EnergyAustralia determined that an alternative offset location was required in order to maintain site security from bushfire.

EnergyAustralia met with DPE Compliance representatives Georgia Dragicevic and Michael Wood on 25 August 2022 to seek guidance on an alternative location for the Vegetation Offset. An area along the lower section of Yallah Creek, between the Project Approval boundary and the retention basin on the northern side of Yallah Creek was endorsed as a suitable alternative location. Endeavour Energy has also endorsed this alternative location as it is partially situated on their easement. This alternative location is included in the updated Vegetation Offset Plan (version 2.4).

In accordance with condition 7.8, EnergyAustralia seeks approval of the updated the Vegetation Offset Plan (version 2.4) to comply with CFA recommendations.

Yours sincerely

Ian Black Project Director - Tallawarrra B

Attachment: Tallawarra B Power Station Vegetation Offset Plan V2.4