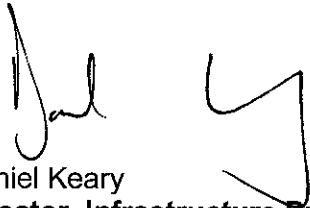


# Modification of Minister's Approval

## Section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

I, the Director of Infrastructure Projects, Major Project Assessments Division of the Department of Planning, in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation issued by the Minister for Planning, on 25 January 2010, pursuant to section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* determine the modification to the approval referred to in Schedule 1 in the manner set out in Schedule 2.



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**Director, Infrastructure Projects**  
as delegate for the Minister for Planning

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### SCHEDULE 1

**Project Approval:** granted by the Minister for Planning on 6 September 2009 (Application No. 08\_0044)

**For the following:** Stage 1 of the upgrade of the Lismore to Mullumbimby Electricity Network comprising:

- Upgrade of the 66 kV transmission line from the Mullumbimby substation to the Ballina substation to 132 kV;
- Upgrade of the 66 kV transmission line from the Ballina substation to join the 132 kV Lismore/Alstonville transmission line, to 132 kV;
- Upgrade of the Mullumbimby 132/66/11 kV substation to 132/11 kV;
- Upgrade of the Ewingsdale 66/11 kV substation to 132/11 kV;
- Upgrade of the Lennox Head 66/11 kV substation to 132/11 kV;
- Upgrade of the Ballina 66/11 kV substation to 132/66/11 kV;
- Upgrade of the Lismore 132/66/11 kV bulk supply point substation;
- Upgrade of the Lismore South 66/11 kV substation; Construction of a 132 kV transmission line from the Lismore 132 kV bulk supply point substation to the Ballina to Alstonville 132 kV transmission line near Alstonville;

- Construction of a 66 kV transmission line from the Lismore South 66/11 kV substation to the Lismore 66 kV switching station;
- Construction of two underground 66 kV transmission lines from the Lismore 132 kV bulk supply point substation to the Lismore South 66/11 kV substation; and
- Construction of a 132/11 kV substation at Suffolk Park.

**Modification:**

modification of the approval to amend condition 2.13 to enable alternative methods to compensatory plantings for improving biodiversity values.

**Major Project:**

Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* applies to the Project by virtue of an Order made by the Minister for Planning under section 75B of that Act on 23 January 2008.

**Concept Plan Authorisation:** On 23 January 2008, the Minister for Planning authorised the submission of a concept plan for the proposal.

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## SCHEDULE 2

1. Delete condition 2.13 and replace it with the following:

### ***Biodiversity Offsets***

- 2.13 At least one month prior to the commencement of construction, the Proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director-General for approval, a report detailing the extent of clearing of any native vegetation within all new easements or corridors, with particular emphasis on threatened species or endangered ecological communities (as listed in the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995), as a result of the final project design. The report shall include a program for offsetting the biodiversity impacts resulting from the removal of native vegetation and may include, but is not necessarily limited to:
  - a) measures for encouraging the natural regeneration of vegetation along the transmission line corridor (excluding areas that are required to remain clear or are restricted with respect to the types of plantings for safety, access and maintenance purposes), including weed management measures;
  - b) compensatory plantings (at a ratio of at least 2:1) and rehabilitation measures;
  - c) measures for replacing specific habitat values impacted by the project (e.g. provision of roost/nest boxes where significant habitat trees such as hollow bearing trees are impacted); and
  - d) a suitable offset area secured for conservation in perpetuity, for example by gifting of land to DECCW, or by a Voluntary Conservation Agreement registered on title, or other similar method of securing the land for conservation.

The Proponent shall consider the habitat quality and conservation value of both the land proposed to be lost and the land to be revegetated and/or regenerated. Any offsets shall be of equal or greater conservation value to that which will be lost or impacted and compensatory plantings shall involve the use of locally native flora species grown from locally sourced seed stock. The offset program shall include details of a timeline for the implementation of the identified measures, ongoing monitoring and maintenance measures, and demonstrate how the program would achieve the outcome of maintaining or improving biodiversity values in the local area.

The program for offsetting biodiversity impacts shall be prepared in consultation with the DECCW.