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Subject: Hunter Transmission Project

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands has reviewed the Amendment Report for the Hunter Transmission Project

The Report notes that *“the amended project impact area includes around 31 hectares of Crown land... and one hectare of land designated as travelling stock reserve”* (page 190) comprising *“over 64 parcels of land”* (table 5.27).

As the supporting assessment material does not identify individual land parcels, land ownership/management details, or provide maps at a sufficiently detailed scale, Crown Lands is unable to provide parcel-specific advice at this stage. Accordingly, the following general requirements and considerations apply to the use and access of Crown land, Crown roads, and waterways within the project footprint.

Easements

As the transmission line is expected to traverse Crown land, Crown roads and/or waterways, the proponent will be required to obtain easements to authorise and protect the proposed infrastructure.

To initiate discussions regarding easement requirements, please contact the Crown Lands Acquisitions Team at: cl.acquisitions@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Further information on the easement process is available at:
<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/protection-and-management/easements>

Licences

Given the duration of the easement process, Crown Lands recommends that the proponent apply for a licence over each affected Crown land parcel and Crown road as early as possible. A licence will provide temporary authority for access and use while easement applications are being assessed.

Details on how to apply for a licence can be found at:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/licences-leases-and-permits/apply-or-manage-licence>

Please note that **appropriate authority must be in place before any Crown land, waterways, or Crown roads can be accessed, used, traversed, or disturbed**, including for construction or installation of infrastructure.

Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR)

The Amendment Report identifies that approximately one hectare of land within the project area is classified as Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR). However, as the supporting documentation does not provide specific parcel identifiers, ownership details, or a location map, we are unable to confirm:

- which TSR parcel(s) are affected
- the relevant Local Land Services area responsible for management
- whether the parcel is subject to an Aboriginal Land Claim (ALC)
- whether Native Title considerations may apply.

Once the proponent can provide clear parcel details (Lot/DP) and GIS mapping, Crown Lands will be able to advise on the management authority, any current ALCs or Native Title considerations, and the tenure requirements needed to authorise access or use.

Regardless of the specific parcel, proponents should note that an appropriate tenure will be required prior to any access to or use of TSR land, and that additional requirements may apply where TSRs are subject to ALCs or Native Title.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Mark Grace, NRM Project Officer in Crown Lands, on 4937 9331 or at mark.grace@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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