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HUNTER TRANSMISSION PROJECT - CASA COMMENTS ON SUBMISSIONS REPORT

The Department has sent CASA a request for advice in relation to the Hunter Transmission Project. CASA has reviewed the Submissions Report of February 2026 and the Amendment Report of February 2026 by the Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) for the proposed Hunter Transmission Project.

There is an increased risk associated with gliding operations at Warkworth Aerodrome. However, it appears that the level of increased risk associated with the installation of the transmission line and towers has not been quantified, defined or approximated. A consolidated description of scenarios and likelihoods is not evident. The Submissions Report 6.8.2 page 215 advises that: *EnergyCo facilitated a risk assessment workshop with Gliding Australia, Hunter Valley Gliding Club and a qualified aviation expert to assist in a review of how the Hunter Valley Gliding Club can undertake operations following the construction of the HTP. The outcomes of this risk assessment can be used by the Hunter Valley Gliding Club to update their safety management system and operational procedures as required.*

The Submissions Report 6.8.2 page 216 advises that *"In response to stakeholder feedback, EnergyCo facilitated a risk assessment with Gliding Australia and a qualified aviation expert to review how the Hunter Valley Gliding Club can undertake operations with the construction of the Hunter Transmission Project. The outcomes of the risk assessment will be provided to the Hunter Valley Gliding Club to allow the club to update its safety management system (SMS) and operational procedures as required."* CASA is not aware of the outcome of the facilitated risk assessment.

CASA acknowledges the Responses to the CASA submission. CASA acknowledges that there are many good reasons for the proposed alignment. However, CASA is focused on Aviation Safety and maintains that moving the transmission line corridor further to the north east or underground would be less likely to have an adverse effect on the safety of air navigation.

CASA has no additional comments on the Amendment Report.

Yours sincerely

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