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Advice provided via the Major Project Portal

Dear Mr Crinnion

Modification 1 – Snowy 2.0 Main Works Main Access Tunnel to Marica Services Connection (SSI-9687-Mod-1) (Snowy Valleys, Snowy Monaro Regional)

Thank you for your referral dated 25 October 2021 inviting comments from Heritage NSW on the modification of the above Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) project.

We note the proposed modification involves horizontal directional drilling for utilities/services between the Lobs Hole and Marica areas of the project and includes the following activities:

- Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) across an alignment of approximately 2,200 m between the MAT portal and Marica areas of the Project.
- This would involve establishing up to 7 temporary services comprising 4 holes of approximately 450 mm diameter for power, and three holes of approximately 350 mm diameter for water and communications.
- Development of two temporary drill pads within the approved disturbance area and construction envelope.
- Installation of temporary construction services within the drill holes once established.
- Management and disposal of spoil and water generated during drilling activities.
- Decommissioning of temporary services at the completion of construction in accordance with the Main Works infrastructure approval requirements for decommissioning and rehabilitation.

We provide the following comments in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters only. The following report was considered in our assessment:

- *Snowy 2.0 Main Works - Modification 1, Main Access Tunnel to Marica Services Connection* prepared by EMM Consulting Pty Ltd, dated September 2021.

We note the 'summary of assessment' in Table 4.1 of the above report outlines that any Aboriginal cultural heritage impacts are unlikely to be different to that previously assessed and approved for the Project. It is understood any mitigation measures proposed for the modification works would be undertaken in accordance with the approved Heritage Management Plan.

Based on the 'summary', it appears no additional Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment or Aboriginal consultation was undertaken for the proposed modification. As one of the survey units within the proposed modification area, MSU9, was identified as un-surveyed during the original Main Works EIS we recommend the proponent be satisfied that no unnecessary impacts will occur to Aboriginal objects or cultural values because of the modification. Heritage

NSW is aware that more recent surveys undertaken for the proposed Snowy 2.0 Transmission Line have recorded additional Aboriginal objects within the Lobs Hole area.

We support the approved Heritage Management Plan (HMP) continuing to apply to the proposed modification works. The HMP needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure the new boundaries of works are consistent with the proposed modification changes. We note the results of the salvage excavations undertaken for the Snowy 2.0 project have not been forwarded to Heritage NSW and we recommend this reporting be finalised as a matter of urgency.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact me on (02) 6229 7089 or via email at jackie.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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