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Dear Mr Davies

Project EnergyConnect (NSW Eastern)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Project EnergyConnect (NSW Eastern). The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

DPI notes that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as based on Technical Papers 4, 6 and 13, addresses, in general terms, the implications of the proposal on agriculture, agricultural lands and agricultural operations, and concludes that the impact should be low, and that most agriculture will be able to continue post construction. It is noted that approximately 75% of the alignment of the proposed transmission line follows current easements.

DPI requests that planning and development of the new section of transmission line located between Kidman Way (south of Coleambally) and Olympic Highway (Lockhart) continues to include landholder consultation, with Property Management Plans that mitigate potential impacts to agricultural production, and with the alignment based on existing property boundaries.

Should you require further information on matters contained in this response, please contact Lilian Parker, Agricultural Land Use Planning Officer on 0427 812 508 or by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Garnett', with a large loop at the end.

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