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Attn: Nicole Brewer
Director Energy Assessments
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
By email: nicole.brewer@planning.nsw.gov.au

Re: Request for Additional Information for the Hunter Transmission Project

Dear Nicole,

I refer to your letter of 1 April 2026 requesting additional information for the Hunter Transmission Project on the following matters:

1. an amended Biodiversity Development Assessment Report addressing CPHR's four recommendations relating to species polygon adjustments and access related impacts within Disturbance Area B.
2. clarification and strengthening of mitigation measures relating to the avoidance of Aboriginal sites during detailed design
3. tables clearly identifying the management and mitigation measures for each Aboriginal and Historic Heritage site that would be impacted by development
4. a response to matters raised during discussions with Transport for NSW regarding potential impacts to the State Road network
5. the draft peer review of the Aviation Impact Assessment provided as part of the EIS, and a copy of the risk assessment referenced in the Submissions Report in relation to the Warkworth Aerodrome
6. additional information to facilitate advice from the Rural Fire Service regarding the establishment of APZs and achieving suitable setback distances.

EnergyCo provided information to DPHI on 17 April in response to matters above and following subsequent engagement and requests has updated some aspects of this response as outlined below.

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1	A – Final Revised Biodiversity Development Assessment Report	EnergyCo has prepared an amended revised BDAR consistent with the discussions with CPHR as requested. This amended revised BDAR presents revised impact calculations for several threatened flora and fauna species as a result of the species polygons that were updated in accordance with the additional species survey results and advice provided by CPHR. The updated species polygons were provided to CPHR for review prior to finalisation for the amended revised BDAR. EnergyCo has also provided additional information on approaches to derived native grassland (DNG) impact minimisation in Disturbance Area B as requested in the amended revised BDAR.	Replaced by version dated 15 May 2026
2	B – Supplementary information in support of Hunter Transmission Project Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment addendum C- Revised Appendix E (Post approval requirements – updated guiding principles) of Hunter Transmission Project Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment addendum February 2026.	EnergyCo has prepared a memo detailing how each of the issues raised in Heritage NSW's advice in response to the ACHA addendum have been addressed. This has included revisions to mitigation measures and associated guiding principles, including measures for further options analysis and reporting, and mitigations during project early works. Minor changes have also been made to project impact tables presented in Appendix D of the ACHA addendum to amend some minor discrepancies, in addition to some discrepancies being addressed in the AHIMS database. EnergyCo has also prepared a memo summarising the field survey effort and test excavation program to date in line with the information provided in the ACHA addendum as requested.	Correct as of 17 April 2026 Survey summary memo provided separately to DPHI on 21 May 2026
3	D – Summary tables for management and mitigation measures (Historic	EnergyCo has prepared tables that summarise the management and mitigation of historic heritage and Aboriginal heritage items. The	Correct as of 17 April 2026

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	heritage and Aboriginal cultural heritage)	tables identify the historic and Aboriginal heritage items that will be avoided and those that may be potentially impacted by the project.	
4	E – Supplementary information in support of the Hunter Transmission Project Revised Traffic and transport impact assessment	EnergyCo has provided supplementary information in response to the advice from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) concerning the SIDRA analysis, strategic concept design and the OSOM assessment. It also provides supplementary information on the mitigation and monitoring requirements at key intersections following further discussions with DPHI, and resulting adjustments to the mitigation measures (as presented in Attachment H).	Replaced by version dated 19 May 2026
5	F – Supplementary information in support of the Hunter Transmission Project Aviation Impact Assessment F.1 Peer review of Hunter Transmission Project Aviation Impact Assessment F.2 Warkworth Airfield Risk Assessment F.3 Expert advice from To70 on the Warkworth Airfield Risk Assessment F.4 Letter of intent between EnergyCo and HVO regarding emergency landing area F.5 Clarification of Warkworth Airfield Risk Assessment	Supplementary aviation information has been prepared in response to matters raised by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and DPHI, including clarification of aviation risk scenarios and mitigation measures relating to the Hunter Transmission Project in the vicinity of Warkworth Aerodrome. The attachment package includes a peer review of the Aviation Impact Assessment and an aviation risk assessment for Warkworth Aerodrome, documenting the risk assessment process undertaken with the operators of the Warkworth Aerodrome and outlining proposed controls, commitments, and consultation processes that will be undertaken. The attachment package also includes a letter to Gliding Australia detailing the proposed risk control measures for the Warkworth Aerodrome.	Replaced by version dated 15 May 2026 Peer review provided as part of 22 May 2026 package Clarification of Warkworth Airfield Risk Assessment provided as part of 18 June 2026 package

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6	G – Supplementary information in support of Hunter Transmission Project Bushfire risk assessment	Supplementary bushfire information prepared to address the advice from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), including clarification of the bushfire risk assessment methodology, justification of radiant heat flux criteria for temporary worker accommodation, and indicative asset protection zone (APZ) requirements for construction support sites. The information outlines how detailed, site-specific layouts and setback distances will be confirmed during detailed design in consultation with RFS and reflects updated bushfire mitigation measures incorporated into the Amendment Report.	Correct as of 17 April 2026
7	H – updated Appendix D (Updated mitigation measures) to Amendment Report	An updated set of mitigation measures in response to the above RFI items for biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage, traffic and transport and aviation is attached and supersedes Appendix D (Updated mitigation measures) of the Amendment Report.	Replaced by version dated 22 May 2026
8	I – Consolidated assessment of impacts on Commonwealth land	A summary of the impacts of the project on Commonwealth land has been provided in accordance with ‘Step 4: Are the impacts significant relevant to the project’ of the <i>Actions on, or impacting upon, Commonwealth land, and actions by Commonwealth agencies – Significant impact guidelines 1.2 – Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Commonwealth of Australia 2013). The information provided in this attachment is consistent with the assessment undertaken as part of the EIS and Amendment Report for the project and as such should be read in conjunction with these documents.	Correct as of 15 May 2026

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9	Response to traffic related pre-construction minor works questions received from DPHI	A response to the questions raised by DPHI in relation to traffic movements during pre-construction minor works is to be provided.	Provided 19 May 2026 within Attachment E

Additional information requested and attached to this letter are:

- Response to agency advice from Muswellbrook Shire Council
- Construction haulage routes figures

Should you wish discuss the additional information or require further detail, please contact Robin Ward, Planning Manager at robin.ward@energyco.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Clarke".

Darren Clarke
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