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**Re: SSD 8529 - 51A Hickson Rd, Barangaroo - Construction of Building C1 - Barangaroo South**

I refer to Sydney City Council development application SSD 8529.

This letter is Ausgrid's response under clause 45(2) of the State Environmental planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007.

The assessment and evaluation of environmental impacts for a new development consent (or where a development consent is modified) is undertaken in accordance with requirements of Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. One of the obligations upon consent authorities, such as local councils, is to consider the suitability of the site for the development which can include a consideration of whether the proposal is compatible with the surrounding land uses and the existing environment.

In this regard, Ausgrid requires that due consideration be given to the compatibility of proposed development with existing Ausgrid infrastructure, particularly in relation to risks of electrocution, fire risks, Electric & Magnetic Fields (EMFs), noise, visual amenity and other matters that may impact on Ausgrid or the development.

**With Regard to: Construction of Building C1 at 51A Hickson Rd, Barangaroo**

Ausgrid consents to the above mentioned development subject to the following conditions:-

**Supply of Electricity**

It is recommended for the nominated electrical consultant/contractor to provide a preliminary enquiry to Ausgrid to obtain advice for the connection of the proposed development to the adjacent electricity network infrastructure. An assessment will be carried out based on the enquiry which may include whether or not:

- The existing network can support the expected electrical load of the development
- A substation may be required on-site, either a pad mount kiosk or chamber style and;
- site conditions or other issues that may impact on the method of supply.

Please direct the developer to Ausgrid's website, [www.ausgrid.com.au](http://www.ausgrid.com.au) about how to connect to Ausgrid's network.

**Conduit Installation**

The need for additional electricity conduits in the footway adjacent to the development will be assessed and documented in Ausgrid's Design Information, used to prepare the connection project design.

**Proximity to Existing Network Assets**

**Underground Cables**

There are existing underground electricity network assets in Hickson Rd including transmission assets.. Special care should also be taken to ensure that driveways and any other construction activities within the footpath area do not interfere with the existing cables in the footpath. Ausgrid cannot guarantee the depth of cables due to possible changes in ground levels from previous activities after the cables were installed. Hence it is recommended that the developer locate and record the depth of all known underground services prior to any excavation in the area.

Should ground anchors be required in the vicinity of the underground cables, the anchors must not be installed within 300mm of any cable, and the anchors must not pass over the top of any cable.

Safework Australia – Excavation Code of Practice, and Ausgrid's Network Standard NS156 outlines the minimum requirements for working around Ausgrid's underground cables.

Please do not hesitate to contact Adam Bradford on Ph: (02) 93946627 (please quote our ref: Trim 2017/40/230) should you require any further information.

Regards, Adam

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