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Dear Iwan Davies

Response to Submission comments for Project Energy Connect -Western (SSI 10040)

Thank you for your referral dated 14 April 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Infrastructure Response to Submissions.

We have reviewed the following reports:

- TransGrid, Energy Connect (NSW- Western Section) Submissions Report April 2021
- Appendix D to the above report: revised Non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (Navin Officer, 2021)
- TransGrid, Energy Connect (NSW- Western Section) Submissions Report April 2021

HNSW notes that further analysis of documentary and archaeological resources regarding the historical context for the proposed study area was undertaken to address our prior comments. This included preparation of a revised Non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (Navin Officer, 2021). The revised assessment did not identify any additional potential for unrecorded non-Aboriginal heritage within the area of the amended proposal compared with the previous assessment. It is noted that Transgrid's response is that existing mitigation measure NAH2 would provide that if the disturbance areas extends into additional areas that further assessment would be conducted by an archaeologist on the likelihood and significance of any historical archaeological relics and/or built heritage.

The response is considered to have adequately addressed the prior comments.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact me at Heritage NSW, on 02 9873 8546 or siobhan.lavelle@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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