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YOUR REF: SSI-10040 - Request for Comments on Draft Conditions

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Dear Ian

Subject: SSI-10040 – Request for Comments on Draft Conditions (of Approval)

We refer to the above request for comment on draft conditions of approval related to the State Significant Infrastructure proposal SSI-10040 *EnergyConnect West* electricity network expansion in south-western NSW.

In considering this proposal, it is the role of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) to ensure the water quality of the River Murray is maintained or improved, contributing to the protection of the riverine and floodplain environment. Additionally, we ensure there is no impact on the flow carrying capacity of the River Murray.

Based on the information provided, the MDBA has completed its assessment and concludes the proposal is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on the flow, control, use or quality of the River Murray.

Should you have any further queries, please direct them to RiverMurrayHealth@mdba.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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