

Mr John Fisher Environmental Manager Transgrid 180 Thomas Street HAYMARKET NSW 2000

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Dear Mr Fisher

## Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Western Section) (SSI-10040-PA-30) Additional Secondary Access Routes

I refer to your request dated 4 March 2022 for the Secretary's approval for use of additional Secondary Access Routes for the project, in accordance with Condition D36(b) of Schedule 2 of the Infrastructure Approval for Project EnergyConnect (NSW – Western Section) (SSI-10040).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and notes that Transgrid has confirmed that the use of the additional Secondary Access Routes for the project would be subject to:

- addressing the routes in the Stage 2 Traffic Strategy required by Condition D37;
- implementing any required road upgrades to the routes in accordance with Condition D38 or as outlined in the Stage 2 Traffic Strategy;
- carrying out dilapidation surveys along the routes in accordance with Condition D39;
- addressing the use of the routes in the Traffic and Transport CEMP Sub-plan prepared in accordance with Conditions D40, B2 and B6.

The Department notes that Transgrid commits in its letter to consult with the relevant roads authorities regarding the use of the routes for these purposes, and in accordance with the Infrastructure Approval, which the Department supports. The Department also notes Transgrid intends to consult with potentially impacted receivers regarding the use of these routes so that they are aware of the increased traffic volumes.

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the use of the following roads as additional Secondary Access Routes, subject to the above:

- Nulla Road (approximately 1.2 km) connecting from the transmission line alignment to Renmark Road for up to 12 months;
- Pine Camp Road (approximately 125 m) connecting from the transmission line alignment to Renmark Road for up to 12 months;
- Low Darling Road (approximately 650 m) connecting transmission crossing to a proposed access point (existing access track) to the north for up to 6 months; and
- Anabranch Mail Road (approximately 20 km) connecting from Renmark Road to the intersection of Milpara and Anabranch Mail Road for up to 12 months.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Iwan Davies on 9274 6296.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Brewer Director Energy Assessments As nominee of the Secretary