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The Planning Secretary  
NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment  
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CC: Iwan Davies, Wayne Jones

Dear Ms Fishburn

**Re: EnergyConnect (NSW – Western Section) (SSI-10040) –Project Staging**

I refer to EnergyConnect (NSW – Western Section) (SSI-10040) (the Project), which the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces approved on 28 September 2021 under section 5.19 of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Transgrid proposes to stage construction of the Project, commencing works initially in the vicinity of the existing substation at Buronga. Condition E2 of the Infrastructure Approval allows the Proponent to prepare and submit strategies, plans and programs on a staged basis, with the approval of the Planning Secretary. The letter seeks the Planning Secretary's approval to stage the Project and associated strategies, plans and programs.

Transgrid's construction contractor SecureEnergy has prepared a Staging Report that outlines the proposed staging approach. The Staging Report is provided with this correspondence for the Planning Secretary's consideration.

The general approach to staging is as follows:

- Stage 1 – commencing the upgrade of the existing substation at Buronga (Arumpo Road, Buronga), establishing the Buronga accommodation camp and construction compound, and using and accessing two water supply points off Corbett Avenue, Buronga to supply raw water for construction and potable water for the accommodation camp.
- Stage 2 – all other construction activities.

The Staging Report provides further details of Stage 1 and identifies the conditions of approval and revised mitigation measures relevant to the Stage 1 scope of works in Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively.

Transgrid would appreciate it if the Planning Secretary could review the Staging Report at the earliest opportunity and approve the document/proposed Project staging approach, preferably by **Friday, 9 December 2021**. Transgrid also notes that SecureEnergy is preparing the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), CEMP Sub-plans and associated environmental documents the approval conditions require as per the approach outlined in the Staging Report.

Thank you for considering this request. If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact the Project's Environmental Manager John Fisher ([John.Fisher@transgrid.com.au](mailto:John.Fisher@transgrid.com.au) or 0448 514 073).

Yours Sincerely



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Attachments:

- EnergyConnect (NSW – Western Section) Staging Report (45860-HSE-PL-D-0001)