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**Subject: Extension of time period for extended construction hours, Hunter Power Project
(SSI-12590060)**

Dear Mr Thomson

I refer to your Additional Construction Hours Extension letter dated 9 September 2022 seeking an extension of time for extended construction hours for the Hunter Power Project. The Department approved additional construction hours to undertake earthworks and minor civil works on 16 May 2022 for a period of three months and understands that Snowy Hydro Limited is requesting an extension of time for the additional hours as the period required for these activities is longer than originally expected.

The additional hours requested is seven days a week (7am to 6pm) including public holidays during daytime hours, including Saturday mornings (7am to 8am) and afternoons (1pm to 6pm) and Sundays (7am to 6pm), for the following earthworks and minor civil works:

- ground improvement works of the power station pad area, involving the use of earth moving trucks, dozers, excavators, water carts and a soil stabilizer;
- importing of material to the project site and removal and relocation of stockpiled material;
- site preparatory works, including establishment of site office and sheds; and
- demolition of remaining buildings from the previous operation.

The Department has carefully reviewed this letter, attached Noise Impact Assessment memo and evidence of consultation with potentially affected receivers, and is satisfied that with relevant mitigation the model predicts impact levels at less than the required Noise Management Levels (NMLs) for works outside of standard hours for the assessment of construction noise impacts. Accordingly, the Secretary accepts the request to vary construction hours until 31 December 2022, subject to the following requirements:

- Only the specific work scopes listed can be undertaken.
- Written notice must be provided to surrounding potentially affected residential receivers consulted when preparing the request, prior to work occurring outside the normal construction hours. The written notice must:
 - a) identify the location, duration, and activities to occur outside normal construction hours;

- b) provide a telephone contact number of the construction site manager during the extended construction hours.
- If any complaint is received, appropriate mitigation measures are to be identified, and the Department and the complainant are to be informed of the measures that will be implemented to address the complaint. Should any further complaints be received regarding works in the extended construction hours, this approval to extend the works hours may be revoked by the Department.
 - Monthly attended monitoring during out of hours work to be undertaken to validate model predictions.
 - A record of any complaints made, or non-compliances identified during monitoring, regarding works undertaken during extended construction hours must be provided to the Department within 24 hours of the complaint/non-compliance.
 - All work is to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Condition B32 of Schedule 2 and all additional noise mitigation measures proposed in the Noise Impact Assessment memo must be adopted and implemented

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary