## Department of Planning and Environment



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## Subject: Hunter Power Project (SSI-12590060) - Updated Plume Rise Assessments

Dear Mr Smith

29/09/2022

I refer to the Updated Plume Rise Assessment, submitted in accordance with Condition B19, Schedule 2 of the approval for the Hunter Power Project (SSI-12590060).

I note the Updated Plume Rise Assessment:

- has been prepared in consultation with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Department of Defence and RAAF Base Williamtown;
- demonstrates that the critical plume extent is consistent with the predictions in the Environmental Impact Statement;
- identifies that there are limited options to further minimise the critical plume extent beyond the reduction of the maximum capacity of the power station; and
- identifies that the final design has incorporated the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Department of Defence requirements regarding obstacle lighting design.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Updated Plume Rise Assessment (Rev 2 dated 9 September 2022). Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

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

Yours sincerely

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Director Resource Assessments

as nominee of the Secretary