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Thursday, 6 March 2025

Kiersten Fishburn
Planning Secretary
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
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CC: Nicole Brewer, Clay Preshaw, Wayne Jones, Katie Weekes

Dear Ms Fishburn,

Re: HumeLink – Request for Agreement from Planning Secretary – SSI-36656827 Condition B58

Transgrid is the Proponent of the HumeLink Project which was approved under section 5.18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) dated 13 November 2024 (Infrastructure Approval).

The Infrastructure Approval approved the construction and use of the Yass accommodation facility and compound (AC05) located at Faulder Avenue, Yass, to facilitate construction of the Project (Faulder Avenue Facility).

Following the grant of the Infrastructure Approval, in response to community feedback and perceived amenity issues, Transgrid is proposing to relocate the accommodation portion of the Faulder Avenue Facility to the Yass Industrial Park (Proposed Change).

The Planning Secretary's agreement is required to the Proposed Change, in accordance with Condition B58 of the Infrastructure Approval.

Condition B58 provides:

ACCOMMODATION CAMPS

B58 Unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise, the proponent must construct and operate the accommodation camps as described in the EIS and in Appendix 1 of this approval, in accordance with the staging set out in B59(e), prior to commencing construction.

Transgrid therefore seeks the Planning Secretary's agreement under Condition B58 to the Proposed Change, which is different to, but consistent with, the Infrastructure Approval.

We understand that DPHI's discretion under (and scope of) Condition B58 is not to assess whether the Proposed Change is consistent with the Infrastructure Approval – which is at the Proponent's risk. Rather, we understand that DPHI has retained a discretion to agree (or disagree) to changes to accommodation camp facility locations.

To assist you in considering whether to grant your agreement, we note:

- A consistency assessment on the Proposed Change has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of s5.25(2) of the EP&A Act.
- Transgrid's response to DPHI's Review of Workforce Accommodation Facility Consistency Assessment.
- We have consulted with Yass Valley Council and the local community on the Proposed Change and no objections were raised; and positive feedback was received from both the community and Yass Valley Council. This consultation is summarised in Appendix A of the consistency assessment and as an attachment to the response to DPHI's review.
- The Project's Environmental Representative has prepared a written statement per Condition A13(a)(i).

Further, it is also acknowledged that the use of additional nearby roads (Commercial Road, Industrial Close and Enterprise Place) would be required to travel to and from the location of the Proposed Change and HumeLink worksites. The use of these roads is subject to separate agreement request that would be submitted to fulfil the requirements of Condition B35.

If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by email at Sam.Pathammavong@transgrid.com.au or by telephone on 0461 465 726.

Yours sincerely



Sam Pathammavong
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Attachments:

- Accommodation Camp Consistency Assessment
- Transgrid's response to DPHI's Review of the Consistency Assessment
- Environmental Representative's written statement per condition A13(a)(i)