

Our ref: SSI-36656827-PA-101

Jeremy Roberts
Major Project Delivery Director
Transgrid
Via Email

22 July 2025

Subject: HumeLink – HumeLink West (Stage 3B) Staging Request

Dear Mr Roberts

I refer to your letter dated 17 July 2025 (Staging Request), requesting approval to further stage part of the HumeLink project and relevant management plans in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition C3(a) of the approval for the HumeLink project (SSI-36656827; Approval).

On 22 November 2024, the Planning Secretary approved a request to stage the HumeLink project (our ref. SSI-36656827-PA-5) as follows:

Initial Development

Stage 1a - Pre-construction Minor Works HumeLink East

Stage 1b - Pre-construction Minor Works HumeLink West

Enabling Works

Stage 2 – Enabling works – both HumeLink East and West

Construction

Stage 3a – Construction Works HumeLink East

Stage 3b – Construction Works HumeLink West

Operation

Stage 4 – Operation – both HumeLink East and West.

The Planning Secretary approved further staging of the construction works for HumeLink East (Construction Stage 3a) on 25 June 2025 (our ref. SSI-36656827-PA-78).

In the Staging Request, you propose to further stage construction works for HumeLink West (Construction Stage 3b) as follows:

- Stage 3B(i) – HLW construction activities without cable stringing over State roads or transportation of high-risk Over-size and Over-mass (OSOM) vehicles on unapproved routes.
- Stage 3B(ii) – HLW construction activities including transportation of high-risk OSOM (without cable stringing over State roads) (expected to commence in Q1 2026).
- Stage 3B(iii) – HLW construction activities including cable stringing over State roads (expected to commence in Q2 2026) and including transportation of high-risk OSOM vehicles.

Relevant management plans for each stage are as defined in the Staging Request.

The Department has carefully reviewed the Staging Request and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary and in accordance with Condition C3(a) I approve the revised staging of the HumeLink project as detailed above.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Staging Request and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

Please ensure you make the Staging Request publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Thomas Minchin, Team Leader Transmission Post Approval.

Yours sincerely



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Director Transmission Post Approval

As nominee of the Planning Secretary