

Jeremy Roberts
Major Project Delivery Director
NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Limited (t/a Transgrid)
via Email

5 September 2025

Subject: HumeLink Biodiversity Assessment Verification Report

Dear Mr Roberts

I refer to the HumeLink Biodiversity Assessment Verification Report (Rev 5.1, dated 29 August 2025) submitted in accordance with Condition B29 of the approval for the HumeLink project (SSI-36656827). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and requests for additional information.

I note the Humelink Biodiversity Assessment Verification Report:

- has been prepared in consultation with Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR), formerly BCS
- has been peer reviewed by Adam Cavallero of Umwelt Australia
- has been reviewed by Transgrid and no issues have been raised with the Department; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval, except with regards to the requirements of B29(c).

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Biodiversity Assessment Verification Report (Rev 5.1, dated 29 August 2025); in accordance with Condition B29, subject to the following:

1. unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary, a revised BAVR addressing the requirements of points 2 and 3 of this letter must be provided to the Department for the approval of the Planning Secretary within 3 months of the date of this letter;
2. revisions to the BAVR must have regard to the final layout plans as required by Condition B29(c) including an analysis of the approved BAVR (Rev 5.1) and any new information reported in future versions of the BAVR against the final layout plans, including the location of final access routes within each clearing zone and stockpile locations;
3. revisions to the BAVR must be submitted in accordance with Section 1.4 of BAVR Rev 5.1;
4. Transgrid must supply the Department with a list of lot and DPs that were not accessed for survey, either entirely or for certain times of the day prior to the lodgement of a revised BAVR.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the HumeLink Biodiversity Assessment Verification Report and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

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 Allison Sharp at Allison.sharp@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RE' followed by a stylized flourish.

Rebecca Eddington
Director Transmission Post Approval

As nominee of the Planning Secretary