

Our ref: SSI-48323210-PA-57

John Fisher
Post-Approvals Lead
Energy Corporation of NSW
Via Email

18 July 2025

Subject: Central-West Orana REZ Transmission – B21 request revised clearing limits for threatened ecological communities

Dear Mr Fisher

I refer to your letter dated 11 July 2025, requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to increase the clearing limits for certain threatened ecological communities for the Central-West Orana REZ Transmission project (SSI-48323210).

I note that:

- the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group (CPHR; formerly BCS) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has been consulted in relation to your request and that CPHR supports the request;
- the requested clearing limits are based on the outcomes of a worst-case assessment for impacts to threatened ecological communities undertaken following a review of land classified as PCT 0 in the projects Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (Revision D, dated March 2024) (BDAR) undertaken in accordance with Condition B25(e)(iii) and detailed in the project's approved Biodiversity Assessment Verification Report (Rev 1.1, dated 20 February 2025); and
- no additional vegetation clearing has been proposed to that identified in the BDAR and the request does not constitute an increase in the project's overall biodiversity impacts.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary and in accordance with Condition B21, I agree to revised clearing limits for threatened ecological communities, as provided at the **Attachment**.

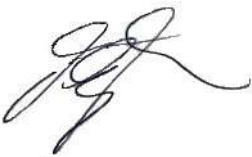
Further, in accordance with Condition A3, the Biodiversity Offset Package required under Condition B22 must be updated to align with these revised clearing limits for threatened ecological

communities and the revised credit liabilities from the re-assignment of the PCT 0 as detailed in your request.

You are also reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between this agreement and the conditions of approval (noting this agreement with respect to Condition B21), the conditions prevail.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "REbecca Eddington".

Rebecca Eddington
Director Transmission Post Approval

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Enclosed: **Attachment** – Revised clearing limits for threatened ecological communities

Attachment

Table 1: Revised clearing limits for threatened ecological communities

Threatened Ecological Community*	Conservation significance		Impact (hectares)
	BC Act	EPBC Act	Revised
PCT 81 - Western Grey Box – cypress pine shrub grass shrub tall woodland in the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion	E	E	14.09
PCT 202 - Fuzzy Box woodland on colluvium and alluvial flats in the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion (including Pilliga) and Nandewar Bioregion	E	-	4.44
PCT 266 - White Box grassy woodland in the upper slopes subregion of the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion	CE	CE	24.28
PCT 277 - Blakely's Red Gum – Yellow Box grassy tall woodland of the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion	CE	CE	101.11
PCT 281 - Rough-barked Apple – Red Gum – Yellow Box woodland on alluvial clay to loam soils on valley flats in the northern NSW South western slopes Bioregion and Brigalow Belt South Bioregion	CE	CE	336.01
PCT 401 - Rough-barked Apple – Blakely's Red Gum – Black Cypress Pine woodland on sandy flats, mainly in the Pilliga Scrub region	CE	CE	36.06
PCT 483 - Grey Box x White Box grassy open woodland on basalt hills in the Merriwa region, upper Hunter Valley	CE	CE	93.77
PCT 589 - White Box – White Cypress Pine – Silver-leaved Ironbark grassy woodland on mainly clay loam soils on hills mainly in the Nandewar Bioregion	CE	CE	12.22
PCT 599 - Blakely's Red Gum – Yellow Box grassy tall woodland on flats and hills in the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion and Nandewar Bioregion	CE	CE	7.41
PCT 618 - White Box x Grey Box – red gum – Rough-barked Apple grassy woodland on rich soils on hills in the upper Hunter Valley	CE	CE	143.26

* BC Act community is referenced unless listing is only relevant to the EPBC Act