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Dear Lauren

Response to Request for Comment Draft SEARs – 52/2024/4/1
Description of Development - Hunter Transmission Project SSI 70610456

Thank you for inviting Cessnock City Council (Council) to provide comments in respect to the draft SEARs for the abovementioned project. Please find below Council's comments in relation to this matter:

The project consists of the following:

- *Two new substations located outside of the Cessnock local government area (at Bayswater and Olney)*
- *New double circuit 500 kV overhead transmission line between the proposed substations (approximately 100 kilometres in length); and*
- *Associated works including upgrades to the existing Bayswater and Eraring substations, adjustments to existing transmission lines, road upgrades, access tracks, temporary construction facilities such as laydown areas, stringing sites, construction support sites and workers accommodation*

Council understands that the project has been categorised as critical state infrastructure and is intended to strengthen the State's core electricity grid and supply clean and reliable energy to NSW. The development is likely to have significant visual impacts and ecological impacts.

Whilst Council does not object to the development and considers the draft SEARs to be comprehensive, Council suggests that in the list of key issues, under the transport considerations, that transport impacts during construction of the development be specifically mentioned. Council considers that this is a key point that is implied but not specifically stated in the draft SEARs.

Council has no further comments at this time but reserves the right to provide further comments should additional information be submitted of interest.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me on direct line (02) 4993 4112 or via email peter.giannopoulos@cessnock.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "P Giannopoulos". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letter "P" being large and stylized.

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