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Mr John Fisher
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10/09/2023

Subject: Project Energy Connect (NSW – Eastern Section) – Review of visual impact minimisation for residence R26749 under Schedule 2, Condition C37

Dear Mr Fisher,

I refer to your letter dated 15 August 2023 requesting approval of proposed visual impact minimisation measures for residence R26749 in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition C37 of the Infrastructure Approval for Project Energy Connect (NSW – Eastern Section).

In accordance with Condition C37, the Proponent must provide reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the visual impacts on residence R26749. The Department has carefully reviewed the information provided, and notes that revised tower locations are proposed to minimise potential visual impacts, as shown in Attachment 1 of the letter. In addition, the following at-property visual mitigation measures, developed in consultation with R26749, are proposed:

- sourcing, ground preparation and planting of approximately 300 trees;
- implementation of a management/maintenance program, in consultation with R26749, over a 2-year period after planting; and
- review of attrition 12 months after planting and replacing any vegetation that do not survive.

The Department is satisfied with the proposed visual mitigation measures. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the proposed visual mitigation measures outlined in the letter dated 15 August 2023.

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

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jess Watson on 02 9373 2845 or via email at jess.watson@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nicole Brewer
Director
Energy Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary