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Subject: Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Eastern Section) –
Request to Stage Addendum Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

Dear Mr Fisher

I refer to your letter dated 15 March 2023 requesting the Secretary's approval to prepare and submit an Addendum Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (Addendum ACHAR), required by condition C27 of the Infrastructure Approval for Project EnergyConnect (NSW – Eastern Section) (SSI-9172452) on a staged basis, in accordance with condition A8 of Schedule 2.

The Department notes that the Addendum ACHAR will be developed in the following two stages:

- Stage 1 – carrying out additional heritage assessment (including heritage test excavations) in areas (but not limited to) where:
 - the heritage surveys were unable to be completed during preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement;
 - tower spacing and locations along the alignment have changed during detailed design;
 - areas adjacent to assessed access tracks to allow for spatial inaccuracies and alterations based on actual site conditions or detailed design;
- Stage 2 – any additional test excavations required due to project changes within the surveyed/assessed areas and any other assessment matters that arise following Stage 1.

The Department has carefully reviewed the request and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions in approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Request to Stage Addendum ACHAR dated 15 March 2023.

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 Iwan Davies on 02 9274 6296 or at iwan.davies@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Brewer
Director
Energy Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary