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12/06/2026

Subject: Project EnergyConnect (Eastern Section) - Condition C52, retention of Laydown 5

Dear Mr Fania,

I refer to your letter dated 20 November 2025, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to retain the handstand area at the ancillary facility identified as Laydown 5 in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition C52 of the Infrastructure Approval for Project EnergyConnect (Eastern Section) (SSI-9172452, as modified). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's requests for additional information.

The location of Laydown 5 is off Yanga Way, Balranald, shown as the Balranald option for a construction compound in Appendix 1, Figure 6-4b of the Infrastructure Approval. Site features to be retained are detailed in Appendix A of your letter dated 20 November 2025, including the primary sediment based, perimeter drain and site access point.

I note your request and subsequent correspondence:

- contains evidence the landholder of Laydown 5 and Balranald Shire Council agree with retention of the hardstand area;
- confirms all infrastructure and ancillary facilities related to the project have been decommissioned and removed from the site; and
- contains a report prepared by a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) stating the site is safe, stable and non-polluting.

The Department has carefully reviewed the information provided and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of Condition C52 in the Infrastructure Approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the request that Laydown 5 not be reinstated and remain as a hardstand area. This approval is limited to the retention of the hardstand area in Laydown 5 and does not otherwise permit any future use of the site, other than as authorised in the Infrastructure Approval (SSI-9172452).

Any future use of the site, other than in accordance with the Infrastructure Approval (SSI- 9172452) will require approval in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and any other relevant legislation or the general law.

Please ensure you make this letter publicly available on the project website at your earliest convenience.
If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Katie Weekes on 4927 3223.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Brewer', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicole Brewer
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary