

Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Anthony Ko
Team Leader
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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Via Major Projects Portal

Dear Anthony,

SSI-9717 Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection: Rehabilitation Management Plan – Request for Timeframe Extension

Background

In accordance with the Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project (the Development) State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) approval SSI-9717 Condition B48, the Proponent, Transgrid, must prepare a Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary within 12 months following commencement of construction.

Transgrid issued notification to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) on 27 November 2023 of intention to commence construction on 4 December 2023 pursuant to SSI-9717 Condition C4. Based on this notification, the current timeframe for preparation of the RMP to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary is 4 December 2024.

Current Situation

Transgrid has prepared the draft RMP, currently saved as revision 0.04, in consultation with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW), NSW Biodiversity, Conservation and Science (BCS), NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), NSW Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture and Transport for NSW in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition B48 (a).

The RMP was lodged for further consultation with the abovementioned stakeholders via the Major Projects Portal on 30 September 2024 (ref: SSI-9717-PA-70), with a due date for responses set to 14 October 2024. Since lodgement, BCS have requested a revised due date of 18 October 2024 and NPWS have requested a revised due date of 25 October 2024 for provision of feedback.

Furthermore, NPWS have indicated in recent correspondence (refer **Attachment A**) that an extended timeframe for consultation will be required ensure sufficient close-out of stakeholder feedback prior to finalisation of the RMP. As per **Attachment A**, NPWS have requested at a minimum an additional four (4) weeks to consult internally as of 15 October 2024, or no sooner than 12 November 2024 to provide feedback, noting the RMP is a critical document as it sets the direction for mitigating any environmental impacts and returning the areas to an agreed state.

Approval Sought

Transgrid is seeking agreement with the Planning Secretary to extend the timeframe for preparation of the Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary, as required by SSI-

9717 Condition B48, by an additional four (4) months to ensure sufficient time to address stakeholder feedback in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition A5.

Pending agreement with the Planning Secretary, the revised timeframe for preparation of the RMP would be 16 months following commencement of construction or no later than 4 April 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jason Snape via email at jason.snape@transgrid.com.au or by phone on 0472 756 143 should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J Snape".

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Attachment A

Jason Snape

From: Bernadette Zanet <Bernadette.Zanet@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 1:33 PM
To: Jason Snape
Cc: Karl Daniells; Kelsey Boreham
Subject: RMP - request to extend review period

Hi Jason

Thank you for providing NPWS with the opportunity to review the Transgrid Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) Rev4.0.

From a NPWS perspective, the RMP is a critical document as it sets the direction for mitigating any environmental impacts and returning the areas to an agreed state. To be able to provide comprehensive and constructive feedback we need to be able to consult widely within NPWS (area teams, rehab team) as well as PCT experts.

I don't anticipate that NPWS will be able to provide comments on this current plan within the timeframe provided and so am requesting additional time to respond. At a minimum we would need at least an extra 4 weeks. Additionally, I request that the RMP is not submitted to Planning before we've had an opportunity to review and discuss all comments, including those which have been provided by other Agencies.

NPWS looks forward to further to discussions, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards
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