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Environment and Planning Department

Reference: SSI-36656827

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NSW Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam,

CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

APPLICATION NO: SSI-36656827

**PROPOSED: HUMELINK TRANSMISSION LINES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
LOCATION: SNOWY VALLEYS, WAGGA WAGGA CITY, COOTAMUNDRA- GUNDAGAI
REGIONAL, YASS VALLEY AND UPPER LACHLAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS**

Reference is made to the above-mentioned Critical State Significant Infrastructure that is partially proposed within the Upper Lachlan Local Government Area. Upper Lachlan have concerns with the proposal and the following issues shall be considered in any approval that may be given;

- Prior to the commencement of the transmission line, the local roads utilised within the Upper Lachlan Local Government Area shall be upgraded by the proponent where necessary, to accommodate the additional construction traffic. A dilapidation report of the roads shall also be prepared and include the existing structural conditions of the pavement of local roads to be used for construction traffic. The report shall include a Geotech investigation at pre-construction stage and also examine anticipated impacts during the construction stage and mitigation measures that should be included in the proposed Traffic and Transport Management Plan.
- The proponent shall maintain and repair the local roads throughout the construction period to Council standard. The Traffic and Transport Management Plan shall include a commitment that any damaged cause during the construction period shall be repaired at no cost to Council. At the completion of construction, Council and the contractor used during the construction of the local roads shall complete a joint assessment to assess any damage by construction traffic.
- A site map shall be provided detailing the locations of the proposed construction compounds, access ways and parking areas. The proponent shall provide a commitment to remove the compounds and parking areas at the completion of construction and restore the site to their original conditions.

- The proponent shall provide specific and tailored measures to mitigate the visual impacts to all dwelling houses within the Upper Lachlan Local Government Area that will be impacted by the transmission line.
- The proponent shall establish a Community Enhancement Fund in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* based on an annual contribution, while ever the transmission line is operating, equal to 1% of the capital cost, divided by the estimated operational life of 20 years.
- The proponent shall accommodate its workers in the Upper Lachlan to support the local community.

For further information, please contact Council's Environment and Planning Department on (02) 4830 1000 during office hours.

Yours faithfully



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