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VICTORIA TO NSW INTERCONNECTOR WEST SSI-72887208: CASA COMMENTS

CASA has reviewed the Technical Paper 14 Aviation Impact Assessment by Aviation Projects for the proposed Victoria to NSW Interconnector West (VNI WEST) (NSW).

CASA has no issues with the Technical Report 14 Aviation Impact Assessment (AIA). CASA has no issues with the Aviation aspects in the Transgrid EIS 18 Hazards and risk.

If the mitigation measures, recommendations and consultations described in Section 8 of the AIA are implemented an acceptable level of Aviation Safety should be achieved. CASA does not object to the project.

Obstacle marking of the transmission lines and structures outside or not infringing an OLS of a certified aerodrome would be a matter for the Planning Authority (or the Aviation Consultant); with advice from the uncertified aerodrome / landing strip users and owners/operators (and possibly the AAAA and/or CASA).

Sundry comment: CASA will assess infringements of an Obstacle Limitation Surface for the Wagga Wagga certified aerodrome at the appropriate stage. As described in the AIA section 7.3, CASA will respond to the Aerodrome Manager when the heights and locations of the infringing elements (structures and cranes) have been determined. (Incidentally, The AIA reports a potential infringement of 45m. The AIA for the Humelink Project of June 2023 reported a potential tower VTE 14 infringement of 40m. Therefore, the CASA assessments should be fairly similar).

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