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Dear Mr Beattie,

**RE: Homebush Bay Bridge Project (MP10\_0192)**

Thank you for the opportunity for Ausgrid to provide comment on the Homebush Bay Bridge Environmental Assessment dated February 2012.

Ausgrid has been liaising with the proponent and the Bridge committee throughout the development phase of the project to investigate the possibility of utilising the bridge to allow electricity cables to cross Homebush Bay in the future. These cables would support ongoing growth in the area and provide additional flexibility into the electricity network.

The discussions have considered opportunities for utilising the bridge and associated interface areas for the installation of Ausgrid cables.

By utilising the bridge in this manner, Ausgrid would be able to reduce the overall route length of feeders, minimise disruption and costs of the installation of high voltage cables, improve the efficiency of our cable laying methodology and provide better overall service to our customers and the local community.

Ausgrid intends to work with the bridge designers and constructors to make allowance for adequate provision for installation of future cables in the bridge and surrounding interface areas.

Ausgrid therefore supports this proposal.

If you require any further information, please contact Frank Steele, Director Area Development Sydney South on 9269 7201.

Yours sincerely,

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