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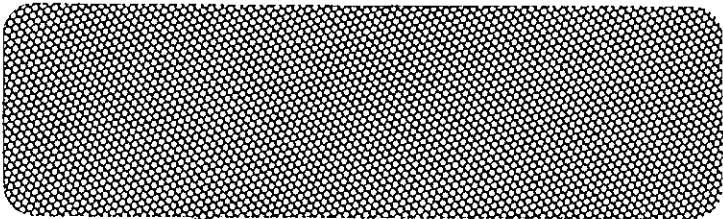
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Lockhart Shire Council

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Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam

Application Name: EnergyConnect (NSW-Eastern Section)
Application Number: SSI-9172452

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently on public exhibition in relation to the abovementioned Application and the associated documentation, notably Technical Paper No. 11 (Traffic and Access Impact Assessment).

A major consideration for Council is the impact of the project on local roads (construction haulage routes) as well as the impacts of the proposed construction compounds and accommodation camps.

In this regard it is noted that the EIS includes a list of local roads in Lockhart Shire Local Government Area that will be affected and also identifies potential sites for construction compounds and accommodation camps.

The EIS lists the mitigation measures that are proposed to be developed and implemented in relation to traffic and access issues. Particular attention is drawn to mitigation measure "TA7" below which deals with pre-construction and post construction road condition surveys and the reinstatement of roads to equivalent or better conditions.

- *"TA7 Road condition surveys would be carried out for all local roads that would be used as construction haulage routes, in consultation with the relevant roads authority. The surveys would be carried out prior to the road being used by heavy vehicles to support construction of the proposal. A road condition monitoring and maintenance program would be developed in consultation with the relevant roads authority for all local roads used as construction haulage routes and implemented for the duration of construction. Post-construction road condition surveys would be carried out for local roads used as a construction haulage route when use by construction vehicles ceases. Damage to the roads that is attributed to the proposal would be addressed in consultation with the relevant roads authority. Roads would be reinstated to equivalent or better condition. For all sealed local roads (within the vicinity or 200m of the proposal) and/or all unsealed roads on haulage routes."*

Council notes the undertaking expressed in TA7 above that all sealed local roads (within the vicinity or 200m of the proposal) and/or all unsealed roads on haulage routes would be reinstated to equivalent or better condition.

Council submits that this should be done within a reasonable timeframe following completion of construction in view of the district's prominence as a significant grain growing area and the reliance on the local road network by local producers for transporting grain.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Veneris', is positioned above the printed name.

Peter Veneris
GENERAL MANAGER