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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- 1972452

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the EIS for the proposed EnergyConnect (NSW-Eastern Section) Development. The following comments are made on behalf of Edward River Council

Impact on Road Infrastructure –

There appears to be no specific detail on the source location of the construction materials. This will impact on the haulage routes through all affected Local Government Areas.

Council notes the EIS states that road condition surveys will be carried out prior to the road being used by heavy vehicles to support the construction of the proposal . It is further stated that a road condition monitoring and maintenance program would be developed in consultation with the relevant road authority for local roads used for construction haulage.

Council notes this commitment and strongly reinforces the need for such action to ensure the safety and condition of local roads is maintained to a high standard.

Construction Compound and Accommodation Camp

There is minimal information regarding the commissioning and decommissioning of the Construction Compound and Accommodation Camp sites. Additional information is required to understand the scale of the sites , servicing arrangements and the proposed actions for returning the sites back to pre-development conditions, at the completion of works.

Bushfire

Bushfire risks associated with the construction and operation of the development have been considered in the EIS. Of specific concern is the Bushfire Prone Land areas consisting of large expanses of grassland and the remoteness of these areas. Adequate resources would be required to protect these areas in the event of fire outbreak as there are extended response times and access to adequate resources for fire defence are limited

Waste Management

A Waste Management Strategy and Plan that provides details for the overall proposal and all potential streams of waste, including the proposed locations for disposal, including nearest licenced landfill or unlicensed landfill. This will provide the impacted Council's with a better understanding on the impact the waste from the construction phase of the development will have on the life of the impacted landfills.

The EIS outlines the potential impacts of the development and proposed means of mitigation. It is concluded that the development if carried out in accordance with the EIS and matters noted in this submission , will be of significant benefit to the local region.

Yours faithfully

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