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Post Approvals Lead  
Energy Corporation Of New South Wales  
via email

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Subject: CWO REZ Transmission – Transport Strategy Staging Request

Dear Mr Fisher,

I refer to your submission dated 12 September 2024, requesting review and approval of the Transport Strategy Staging Request.

The Transport Strategy Staging Request:

- has been prepared in consultation with TfNSW; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

The proposed stages are as following:

- Merotherie Transport Strategy: road upgrades associated with the construction of the Merotherie Energy hub, Merotherie construction compound and Merotherie accommodation camp
- Elong Elong and Wollar Switching Station Transport Strategy: Upgrades required for commencement of site establishment at the two key energy hubs for the project.
- Project-wide Transport Strategy: All remaining road upgrades not addressed as part of the Merotherie or Elong Elong and Wollar Switching Station Transport Strategies, that are listed in Appendix 4 of the Minister's Conditions of Approval.
- Stringing Transport Strategy: The Strategy for stringing will form the final element of the transport strategy and will include sufficient detail to outline methodology and any required concept designs for stringing cables across the state and local road network

The Transport Strategy must be prepared in consultation with TfNSW and the relevant Councils under Condition B31. The required consultation will be limited to the Councils of the relevant local government areas in which the road upgrades in each stage would occur.

The staging of each Transport Strategy would address the requirements of Conditions B31(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (h).

In relation to Condition B31(d), where the proposed upgrade and associated disturbance footprint has been described and assessed in the EIS and associated environmental assessment documentation, the Transport Strategy will reference and summarise the existing assessment and outcomes. The Department notes this will need to include confirmation that the assessment of the disturbance footprint aligns with the footprint of the proposed upgrade and includes appropriate mitigation measures, including consideration of cumulative traffic impacts from approved project.

In relation to Condition B31(f) and B31(g) where the Transport Strategy does not include any transmission line stringing, this content will not be included. Information required by Condition B31(f) and B3(g) will only be included in Transport Strategies that address stringing activities.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the staging of the Transport Strategy as detailed above.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary