

Our ref: SSI-9172452-PA-47
Ms Michelle O'Hare
Senior Environmental Planner
NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Limited
180 Thomas Street
HAYMARKET, NSW, 2000

24/11/2023

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Dear Ms O'Hare

**Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Eastern Section) (SSI-9172452)
Independent Environmental Audit 28 March 2023 to 11 September 2023**

I refer to the Independent Environmental Audit Report (Audit Report), for the reporting period from 28 March 2023 to 11 September 2023 for Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Eastern Section) (the development), including the response to audit recommendations, submitted for the Planning Secretary's consideration, as required under Schedule 2, Condition D11 of State significant infrastructure approval SSI 9172452 (the approval).

The Department considers that the Audit Report generally satisfied Condition D11 of the approval. Please note that approval of this Audit Report is not endorsement of the compliance status of the development.

I note that no no-compliances were reported during the reporting period.

Please review, and if necessary, revise, the strategies, plans, and programs required under the approval, and submit for Planning Secretary's approval, in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition D2 of the approval.

Lastly, in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition 12 of the approval, please make the copy of the Audit Report, including the response to audit recommendations available on the company website, including any other documents as required under Condition 12 and also ensure that these documents are up-to-date.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Georgia Dragicevic, Senior Compliance Officer, on (02) 4247 1852 or by email to Georgia.Dragicevic@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. O'Reilly", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Katrina O'Reilly
Team Leader - Compliance
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary