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**EPBC 2018/8363 – Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project**

Annual Compliance Report

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 Declaration of Accuracy
 

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In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

<b>Signed</b>	
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## 1. Purpose of Report

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The purpose of this report is to demonstrate compliance with, and fulfilment of, the conditions attached to *Environmental Planning and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) approval EPBC 2018/8363 granted for the NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Ltd – ACN 609 169 959 as trustee for NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust – ABN 70 250 995 390 (known as Transgrid) for construction and operation of the Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project (the Project) on 21 October 2022.

## 2. Description of Activities

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### 2.1. Project Overview

In 2020, Snowy Hydro Limited (SHL) obtained approval to expand the existing Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme (Snowy Scheme) by linking the existing Tantangara and Talbingo reservoirs through a series of underground tunnels and constructing a new underground hydro-electric power station (Snowy 2.0). Refer to **Figure 1** for project location.

Snowy 2.0 is expected to increase the generation capacity of the Snowy Scheme by almost 50 percent, providing an additional 2000 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity, and making approximately 350,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of large-scale storage available to the National Electricity Market (NEM).

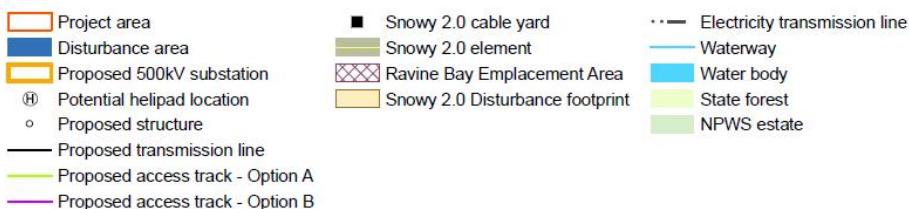
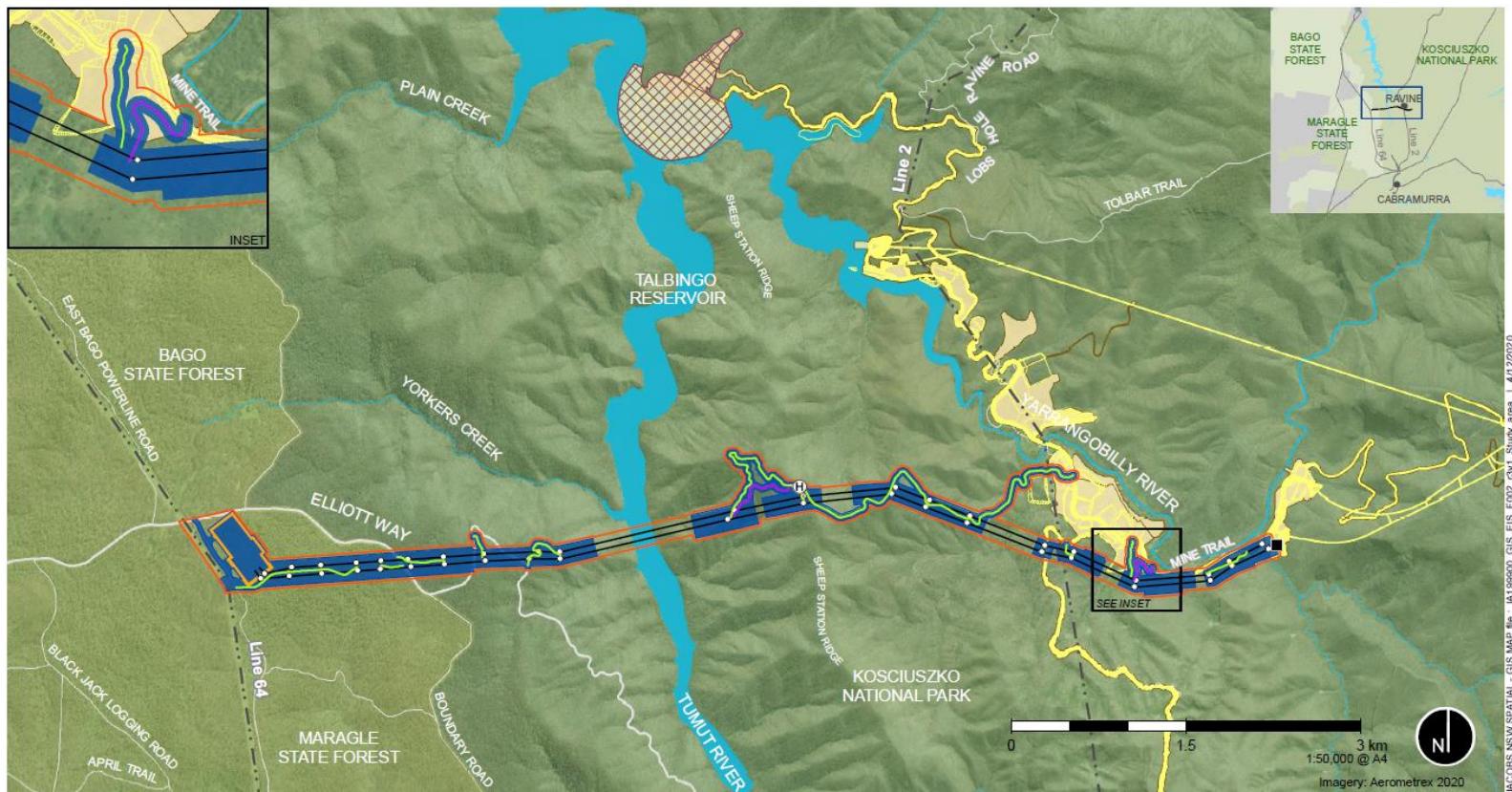
To connect Snowy 2.0 to the NEM, a new transmission connection is required. Transgrid received development approval on 2nd September 2022 under Part 5 Division 5.2 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) for the construction and operation of the Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project to enable the grid connection of Snowy 2.0 to the NEM. The Project has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) under NSW State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 as part of the CSSI declaration for the Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project in Clause 9, Schedule 5.

Transgrid (the Proponent) has engaged UGL Projects Division (UGL) as the Principal Contractor to construct the Maragle 330kV Switching Station and 330kV Transmission Line Connection Project as part of the broader Snowy 2.0 Project.

### 2.2. Works Undertaken During the Reporting Period

The following key works have been undertaken between 21 October 2024 to 21 October 2025 (the Reporting Period):

- Pre-clearing monitoring activities in accordance with the Project Biodiversity Management Plan, Appendix B Clearing Procedure
- Vegetation clearing for Access Tracks 2, 4 and 5
- Civil construction of all Access Tracks
  - Civil construction completed for Access Tracks 1, 2, 4, 6, 6a, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12
- Completion of civil construction and energisation of the Maragle 330kV Switchyard
- Commencement of civil construction for the Maragle 500kV Substation by HumeLink West Joint Venture



**Figure 1 Project location and footprint (Jacobs, 2021)**

## 3. Approval Conditions Compliance Table

Condition Number/ reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments									
1	<p>To minimise the impacts of the action on protected matters, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. not clear more than:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 1.67 ha of habitat for Booroolong Frog; and</li> <li>ii. 118.34 ha of habitat for Spot-tailed Quoll; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. minimise the impacts of the Action on hollow-bearing trees.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>a. Clearing commenced on the 08 March 2024. Extent of clearing of Spotted Quoll and Booroolong frog habitat is summarised in the table below.</p> <p>Table 1 Extent of Clearing - Protected Matters</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1511 763 2108 917"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1511 763 1702 827">Species</th><th data-bbox="1702 763 1870 827">Extent of Clearing</th><th data-bbox="1870 763 2108 827">Clearing Limit</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1511 827 1702 870">Booroolong Frog</td><td data-bbox="1702 827 1870 870">0.94 ha</td><td data-bbox="1870 827 2108 870">1.67 ha</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1511 870 1702 917">Spot-tailed Quoll</td><td data-bbox="1702 870 1870 917">100.76 ha</td><td data-bbox="1870 870 2108 917">118.34 ha</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Clearing is within approved limits. Refer to supplied spatial data <a href="#">ProceduralClearing_UGL_GDA94_MGA55_Pg</a> (Refer <b>Attachment A</b>).</p> <p>b. Implementation of impact minimisation for hollow bearing trees was discussed and observed during the audit inspection for Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) - Construction Audit 4 undertaken in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition C11.</p>	Species	Extent of Clearing	Clearing Limit	Booroolong Frog	0.94 ha	1.67 ha	Spot-tailed Quoll	100.76 ha	118.34 ha
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2	The approval holder must not clear outside the project area.	Compliant	<p>No clearing outside the project area has occurred. Confirmed via regular drone aerial imagery activities and GIS analysis. Refer to supplied spatial data <i>ProceduralClearing_UGL_GDA94_MGA55_Pg</i> (Refer <b>Attachment A</b>).</p> <p>Confirmed during the Initial Independent Environmental Audit - Construction Audit 4 undertaken in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition C11 (Umwelt, 2024d).</p>
3	To mitigate impacts on protected matters, the approval holder must implement conditions B21, B41 and C1 of the State Infrastructure Approval, in so far as they relate to monitoring, mitigating and avoiding impacts to protected matters.	Non-Compliant	<p>Pre-construction monitoring commenced December 2023 in accordance with Conditions B21, B41 and C1 of State Infrastructure Approval SSI-9717 including site survey, weed mapping, seed salvage/harvesting, preliminary habitat tree identification and Booroolong Frog Habitat baseline monitoring.</p> <p>Non-compliances during reporting period identified during Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) - Construction Audit 4 undertaken in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition C11.</p>

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			<p>The IEA – Construction Audit 4 report (the Report) identified non-compliances relating to an unauthorised clearing event recorded during the audit period and application of the Project unexpected finds protocol. Further details are provided below, with the projects view and additional applicable context.</p> <p>The approval holder rejected the audit findings for the following identified non-compliances relating to EPBC 2018/8363 Condition 3 and 6 which were triggered in relation to not all management measures were implemented as per the requirements of the BMP:</p> <p><b>Biodiversity Management Plan Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project (rev0.13) Management Measures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMP46 – Records of <i>Caladenia montana</i> occurring outside the species polygons identified in the Project Biodiversity Development Assessment Report have not been reported as an Unexpected Find, contrary to advice from EMM Consulting and recommendations made in Construction Audit 3.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The approval holder confirms further on-ground verification of clearing extent in <i>Caladenia montana</i> habitat was completed following provision of the procedural clearing layer referred to by the auditor and assessed by EMM Consulting. The current extent of clearing for <i>C. montana</i> habitat is approximately 8 ha and is under the restrictions on clearing habitat for <i>C. montana</i> of 9.35 ha as defined under SSI-9717 Schedule 2 Condition B17 (a) (i).</li> <li>In the event additional <i>C. montana</i> specimens require an updated species polygon using a 30 m buffer from all records is utilised as per the BDAR, the total extent of clearing for <i>C. montana</i> habitat is 9.13 ha and is under the restrictions on clearing and habitat for <i>C. montana</i> of 9.35 ha as defined under SSI-9717 Schedule 2 Condition B17 (a) (i).</li> </ul> <p>The approval holder confirms the following non-compliances were previously notified to the Department in accordance with EPBC 2018/8363 Condition 25 for Track 4 Unauthorised Clearing within Project Area on 27 March 2025 and detailed incident report issued to the Department on 14 April 2025:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMP2: An unauthorised clearing event was recorded during the audit period on 24 March 2025 involving approximately 507 m<sup>2</sup> of vegetation, comprising 158 m<sup>2</sup> within the Hazard Tree Zone and 349 m<sup>2</sup> within the adjoining no-go zone near Access Track 2 and Tower Pad 11.</li> <li>BMP11: During the audit period, an unauthorised clearing incident occurred adjoining Access Track 4. The incident investigation identified that some delineation materials, including rope and caps on marker pegs, were absent between the boundaries of the No-Go Zone, Hazard Tree Zone, Partial Clearing Zone, and Total Clearing Zone at the time of the incident.</li> </ul>

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4	<p>The Biodiversity Management Plan required under condition B21 of the State Infrastructure Approval must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. be consistent with relevant statutory documents;</li> <li>b. demonstrate how the approval holder will minimise erosion and control sediment generation;</li> <li>c. demonstrate how the approval holder will take all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent any discharge to waters;</li> <li>d. in respect of all watercourses which contain habitat for Booroolong Frog, as indicated by the areas within the yellow polygons designated 'Booroolong Frog' within the designated "Study area" in the map at Attachment B, specify:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. what and how detailed baseline data on surface water flows and quality will be collected prior to the commencement of the Action; and</li> <li>ii. a program to augment data regarding surface water flows and quality data over time;</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. specify detailed criteria for determining surface water impacts (in respect of flows, quality and flooding) of the Action on the Booroolong Frog, including criteria for triggering remedial action (if necessary);</li> <li>f. specify a monitoring program capable of detecting any specified criteria for triggering remedial action, if they occur; and</li> <li>g. include a description of the measures that will be implemented to minimise the surface water impacts of the Action on the Booroolong Frog.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.15) approved by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPCI) 17-11-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 30-10-2025.</p>

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5	<p>The approval holder must submit the Biodiversity Management Plan and Environmental Management Strategy required by conditions B21 and C1 of the State Infrastructure Approval to the department for the Minister's approval before they are approved by the NSW Planning Secretary.</p>	Compliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.13) approved by NSW Planning Secretary on 14-02-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 16-12-2024.</li> <li>▪ Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.14) approved by NSW Planning Secretary 01-10-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 05-08-2025.</li> <li>▪ Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.15) approved by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) 17-11-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 30-10-2025.</li> <li>▪ Environmental Management Strategy (rev0.08) approved by NSW Planning Secretary on 14-02-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 16-12-2024.</li> </ul>
6	<p>The approval holder must implement the Biodiversity Management Plan and Environmental Management Strategy approved by the Minister until the end date of this approval, unless otherwise agreed by the Minister in writing.</p>	Non-Compliant	<p>Implementation of the BMP has commenced and is ongoing.</p>

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			<p>Per evidence/comments provided in response to Condition 4, non-compliances during reporting period identified during Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) - Construction Audit 4 undertaken in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition C11.</p> <p>Detail provided in evidence/comments for Condition 4 above.</p>
7	<p>To offset the impacts of the Action on <b>protected matters</b>, the approval holder must implement conditions B18, B19 and B20 of the <b>State Infrastructure Approval</b>.</p>	Compliant	<p>Conditions B18, B19 and B20 of SSI-9717 implemented.</p> <p>B18: Confirmed during the Initial Construction Audit (Uwmelt 2024a), a Biodiversity Offset Package (BOP) has been prepared and approved for the development. The BOP addresses all requirements of SSI-9717 Schedule 2 Condition B18. The BOP is required to be delivered by September 2025 (date revised from 1 September 2024 by MOD 1).</p> <p>The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) confirmed receipt of the final BOP, and Snowy Hydro Limited has provided notification that the offset obligations required under Condition B18 of the SSI-9717</p>

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			<p>Infrastructure Approval have been delivered prior to the 1 September 2025 deadline. DPHI confirmed the NSW Planning Secretary is satisfied offsets have been implemented or delivered in accordance with the BOP on 16 October 2025.</p> <p>B19: Bank guarantee of \$24,869,236 lodged 27 September 2023. NSW Planning Secretary approval for bank guarantee return issued 16 October 2025.</p> <p>B20: \$10,586,027 paid to NPWS by Snowy Hydro Limited on 31-08-2023. Evidence of payment (remittance advice) provided to DCCEEW on 26-09-2023.</p>
8	<p>The approval holder must notify the department in writing within 10 business days of making a biodiversity offset payment to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Each notification must state the date of payment, the amount paid, and the component of the biodiversity offset obligations in respect of which the payment is made.</p>	Compliant	<p>Notification of payment to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service provided to the Department on 26-09-2023.</p>
9	<p>The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department.</p>	Compliant	<p>All plans required by these conditions submitted electronically to the department.</p>

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10	<p>Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date:</p> <p>a. the plan is approved by Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment as required under a state/territory government condition which must be complied with in accordance with these EPBC Act conditions.</p>	Compliant	<p>Each plan published on the project website (<a href="https://www.lumea.com.au/projects/snowy-2-0-transmission-connection-project">https://www.lumea.com.au/projects/snowy-2-0-transmission-connection-project</a>) within 15 days of the date the plan is approved by Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment as required under a state/territory government condition which must be complied with in accordance with these EPBC Act conditions.</p>
11	<p>The approval holder must keep all published plans required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.</p>	Compliant	<p>All published plans required by these conditions available on the project website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.lumea.com.au/projects/snowy-2-0-transmission-connection-project/#environmental-documentation">https://www.lumea.com.au/projects/snowy-2-0-transmission-connection-project/#environmental-documentation</a></p>
12	<p>The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.</p>	Compliant	<p>All plans prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018) and Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects (2021).</p>
13	<p>If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan in accordance with condition 12, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.</p>	Not Applicable	<p>No exclusion or redaction of plans have been made in the versions of plans published on the project website.</p>

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14	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days of commencement of the Action.	Compliant	AG DCCEEW notified electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, being 04-12-2023, within 5 business days of the commencement of the Action, on 11-12-2023. Email sent to Tom Smith (tom.smith@dcceew.gov.au) and CC Angela Drew (angela.drew@dcceew.gov.au), Ali Strous (ali.strous@dcceew.gov.au) and EPBC Monitoring inbox (EPBCMonitoring@environment.gov.au).
15	If the commencement of the Action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the Action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Not Applicable	Not applicable - Commencement of the Action occurred on 4 December 2023.
16	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	<p>Compliance records are maintained by the approval holder and its principal contractor.</p> <p>Confirmed during the Independent Environmental Audit - Construction Audit 1, 2, 3 and 4 undertaken in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition C11 (Umwelt, 2024a; Umwelt, 2024b; Umwelt, 2025a; Umwelt, 2025b). Transgrid utilise compliance tracking systems and excel registers/spreadsheets (sighted) to ensure they meet the specific performance measures and criteria set out by this approval. The compliance</p>

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			tracker CAMMS outline responsible personnel for relevant actions as well as maintaining evidence of compliance.
17	<p>If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.</p> <p><i>Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the department, or by an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and/or be used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the results of an audit may be published on the department's website or through the general media.</i></p>	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
18	<p>The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.</p>	Compliant	All plans prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018) and Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects (2021).
19	<p>The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects (2021), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.</p>	Compliant	All plans prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018) and Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects (2021).

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20	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 12 months of the approval.	Compliant	All monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) submitted electronically to the department within 12 months of the approval.
21	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.	Compliant	First annual compliance report submitted 23 January 2024.  Second annual compliance report submitted 17 January 2025.  This is the third annual compliance report.
22	Each compliance report must be consistent with the department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014), or any subsequent official version	Compliant	This compliance report has been prepared in accordance with the department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014).
23	Each compliance report must include:  a. Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents.  b. One or more shapefile showing all clearing of any protected matters, and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared.	Compliant	This compliance report includes:  a. Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents. Refer to the

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	<p>c. A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented.</p>		<p>information provided under Conditions 3, 6, 25, 26 and 27.</p> <p>b. One or more shapefiles showing all clearing of any protected matters, and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared. Refer to supplied spatial data <i>ProceduralClearing_UGL_GDA94_MGA55_Pg</i> (Refer <b>Attachment A</b>).</p> <p>c. A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to the conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented is provided as <b>Attachment B</b>.</p> <p>Per the Definitions under EPBC 2018/8363, plan means any action management plan or strategy that the approval holder is required by these conditions to implement, being the Biodiversity Management Plan required by conditions 3 and 4, the Environmental Management Strategy required by condition 3 and the Biodiversity Offsets Package required by condition 7.</p>

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24	<p>The approval holder must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the end of the 12-month period for which that compliance report is required.</li> <li>b. Notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of publication that a compliance report has been published on the website.</li> <li>c. Provide the weblink for the compliance report in the notification to the department.</li> <li>d. Keep all published compliance reports required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.</li> <li>e. Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.</li> <li>f. If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from the published version, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.</li> </ol> <p><i>Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department's website.</i></p>	Compliant	<p>First annual compliance report submitted to AG DCEEW on 23 January 2024 and report published on the Project website 17 January 2024.</p> <p>Second annual compliance report submitted to AG DCCEEW on 17 January 2025 and published on the Project website 24 January 2025.</p>
25	<p>The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan.</p>	Compliant	<p>Eleven incidents and/or potential and/or actual non-compliance notifications issued to the department electronically within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan during reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20241128_30 Track 5_Track 8 Turbid Water</li> <li>▪ 20241205 Track 5_Track 8 Turbid Water</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20241207 Track 2 Turbid Water</li> <li>▪ 20250111 Track 8 Turbid Water</li> <li>▪ 20250115 Maragle Switchyard Turbid Water</li> <li>▪ 20250327 Track 4 Unauthorised Clearing in Project Area</li> <li>▪ 20250624 Maragle Turbid Water</li> <li>▪ 20250707 Maragle Substation Turbid Water</li> <li>▪ 20250723 Maragle Substation Turbid Water</li> <li>▪ 20250728 Maragle Switchyard Basin Overtop</li> <li>▪ 20250828 Maragle Substation Turbid Water</li> </ul>
26	<p>The approval holder must specify in the notification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached.</li> <li>b. A short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.</li> <li>c. The location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.</li> </ol> <p><i>Note: If the exact information cannot be provided, the approval holder must provide the best information available.</i></p>	Compliant	<p>All incident notifications addressed all requirements outlined by Condition 26.</p> <p>Confirmed during the Independent Environmental Audit - Construction Audit 1, 2, 3 and 4 undertaken in accordance with SSI-9717 Condition C11 (Umwelt, 2024a; Umwelt, 2024b; Umwelt, 2025a; Umwelt, 2025b).</p>

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27	<p>The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken.</li> <li>b. The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance and/or non-compliance.</li> <li>c. The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.</li> </ol>		<p>Eleven written incident and/or potential and/or potential non-compliance reports issued to the department electronically within 12 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan during reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20241128_30 Track 5_Track 8 Turbid Water – written incident report issued 05-12-2025</li> <li>▪ 20241205 Track 5_Track 8 Turbid Water – written incident report issued 13-12-2025</li> <li>▪ 20241207 Track 2 Turbid Water – written incident report issued 14-12-2025</li> <li>▪ 20250111 Track 8 Turbid Water – written incident report issued 17-01-2025</li> <li>▪ 20250115 Maragle Switchyard Turbid Water – written incident report issued 20-01-2025</li> <li>▪ 20250327 Track 4 Unauthorised Clearing in Project Area – written incident report issued 14-04-2025</li> <li>▪ 20250624 Maragle Turbid Water – written incident report issued 26-06-2025</li> <li>▪ 20250707 Maragle Substation Turbid Water – written incident report issued 16-07-2025</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20250723 Maragle Substation Turbid Water – written incident report issued 31-07-2025</li> <li>▪ 20250728 Maragle Switchyard Basin Overtop – written incident report issued 01-08-2025</li> <li>▪ 20250828 Maragle Substation Turbid Water – written incident report issued 04-09-2025</li> </ul>
28	<p>The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every five-year period following the commencement of the Action until this approval expires, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister.</p>	Not Applicable	<p>The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.</p>

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29	<p>For each independent audit, the approval holder must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria, and proposed timeframe for submitting the audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit.</li> <li>Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department.</li> <li>Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified and approved in writing by the department.</li> <li>Publish each audit report on the website within 15 business days of the date of the department's approval of the audit report.</li> <li>Keep every audit report published on the website until this approval expires.</li> </ol>	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
30	Each audit report must report for the five-year period preceding that audit report.	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
31	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the department's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines (2019), or any subsequent official version.	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
32	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.

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33	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
34	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any proposed change to the State Infrastructure Approval that may relate to protected matters within 2 business days of formally proposing a change and within 5 business days of becoming aware of any proposed change.	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
35	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any change to the State Infrastructure Approval conditions that may relate to protected matters, within 10 business days of a change to conditions being finalised.	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
36	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
37	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 5 or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if	Compliant	Pursuant of section 143A of the EPBC Act, Transgrid submitted the following revised action management plans without formal approval. The revisions applied to the revised action

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	<p>the taking of the Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.</p>		<p>management plans would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.13) approved by NSW Planning Secretary on 14-02-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 16-12-2024.</li> <li>▪ Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.14) approved by NSW Planning Secretary 01-10-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 05-08-2025.</li> <li>▪ Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.15) approved by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPCI) 17-11-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 30-10-2025.</li> <li>▪ Environmental Management Strategy (rev0.08) approved by NSW Planning Secretary on 14-02-2025 and submitted to AG DCCEEW in accordance with EPBC 2018-8363 Conditions 37 and 38 on 16-12-2024.</li> </ul>

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38	<p>If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 37 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a. Notify the department electronically that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the department with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. an electronic copy of the RAMP;</li> <li>ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;</li> <li>iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved Action management plan and the RAMP;</li> <li>iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact; and</li> <li>v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the department.</li> </ul> <p>b. Subject to condition 40, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.</p>	Compliant	<p>Submission of plans as detailed under Condition 37 was undertaken in accordance with Condition 38, as follows:</p> <p>a. Notify the department electronically that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the department with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. an electronic copy of the RAMP;</li> <li>ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;</li> <li>iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved Action management plan and the RAMP;</li> <li>iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact; and</li> <li>v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the department.</li> </ul>

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			b. Subject to condition 40, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.
39	The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under condition 37 at any time by giving written notice to the department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 37, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 37.	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
40	<p>If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the Action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Condition 37 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP.</li> <li>b. The approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice.</li> </ul>	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.
41	<p>At the time of giving the notice under condition 40, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 37 does not apply for one or more specified Action management plans.</p> <p>Note: Conditions 37, 38, 39 and 40 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised Action management plan, at any time, to the Minister for approval</p>	Not Applicable	The condition was not triggered during the reporting period.

#### 4. New Environmental Risks

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No new environmental risks were identified during the reporting period (21 October 2024 to 21 October 2025). Project environmental risks are managed in accordance with the Project Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

#### 5. Other Information

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##### **5.1. Pre-construction Water Quality Monitoring**

The purpose of the pre-construction water quality monitoring is to address the requirements of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (Jacobs 2020) that was prepared by the Proponent under Part 5, Division 5.2 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed Project. Subsequently, an Amendment Report (TransGrid 2021b) was submitted with the Response to Submissions (Transgrid 2021a) to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) with updated mitigation measures for the Project.

The objective of the pre-construction surface water quality monitoring is to collect baseline data prior to Project construction works. Baseline data will be compared to ANZG (2018) guidelines to characterise the existing surface water quality. The data will be compared to the water quality objectives (WQO) for the Project area.

Pre-construction water quality monitoring reports including detailed baseline data are publicly available via <https://www.lumea.com.au/projects/snowy-2-0-transmission-connection-project/pre-construction-water-quality-monitoring-reports>.

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## Attachment A Clearing Spatial Data

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## Attachment B Schedule of Plans

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EPBC 2018/8363 Condition	SSI-9717 Condition	Management Plan	Revision as of 21 October 2025	Status of Plan	Document Source
7	B18	Biodiversity Offset Package (BOP)	Rev7	<p>Confirmed during the Initial Independent Environmental Audit – Construction Audit 1, the Biodiversity Offset Package (BOP) has been prepared and approved for the development. The BOP addresses all requirements of this condition. The BOP is required to be delivered by September 2025 (date revised from 1 September 2024 by MOD 1).</p> <p>NSW Planning Secretary approval for the revised BOP (rev7) was issued 13 October 2025 confirming the BOP had been updated to document how Snowy Hydro Limited (SHL) has met the project's offset obligations and contains the information required under Condition B18 of the SSI-9717 Infrastructure Approval.</p> <p>SHL provided notification on 6 August 2025 to the NSW Planning Secretary that the offset obligations required under Condition B18 of the SSI-9717 Infrastructure Approval have been delivered prior to the 1 September 2025 deadline. NSW Planning Secretary acknowledgement and confirmation of return of the bank guarantee associated with Condition B19 of the SSI-9717 Infrastructure Approval was issued 16 October 2025.</p>	<a href="#">Biodiversity Offset Package (rev7)</a> <a href="#">NSW Planning Secretary Approval – BOP Rev7</a>

3, 4, 5	B21	Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP)	Rev0.14	<p>A BMP has been prepared and approved for the Project as confirmed during Initial Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) – Construction Audit 1.</p> <p>During IEA - Construction Audit 3, the BMP was updated to reflect Stage 2 Works. During this audit the BMP was updated to reflect extension timeframes of the Operation Vegetation Management Plan. This revision was pending approval at the time of the audit. It should be noted changes to the BMP to reflect recommendations in previous audits is still subject to ongoing consultation.</p> <p>A detailed review and compliance assessment against the BMP biodiversity management measures has also been completed and is also provided in Appendix 4 with a summary of the non- compliances identified included in Section 4.4.1 of Independent Environmental Audit – Construction Audit 4 issued to the Department following the reporting period on 22 December 2025. Non-compliances associated with the BMP are detailed under EPBC 2018/8363 Condition 3.</p>	<a href="#"><u>Biodiversity Management Plan (rev0.14)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>NSW Planning Secretary Approval – BMP Rev0.14</u></a>
3, 5	C1	Environmental Management Strategy (EMS)	Rev0.08	<p>An EMS has been prepared and approved for the Project as confirmed during the Initial Construction Audit. During Construction Audit 3, the EMS was updated to reflect Stage 2 Works.</p> <p>A review of the EMS confirmed that it contains the required information as per the requirements of SSI 9717 – MOD 1.</p>	<a href="#"><u>Environmental Management Strategy Rev0.08</u></a> <a href="#"><u>NSW Planning Secretary Approval – EMS Rev0.08</u></a>