

Mr Andrew Buttigieg
Project Manager - Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection
The Trustee for the NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust
Via email

27/06/2025

Subject: Snowy 2.0 - Transmission Connection - Biodiversity Offset Variation

Dear Mr Buttigieg

I refer to your submission dated 2 May 2025 requesting approval to apply the variation rules to retire 1,634 Gang-gang Cockatoo credits, consistent with Condition B18, Schedule 2 of State significant infrastructure approval SSI-9717. I note that:

- The Planning, Offsets, Ecosystems, and Threatened Species Division within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has carefully reviewed the supplied information and is satisfied that reasonable steps have been taken by the proponent to source like-for-like Gang-gang Cockatoo credits in accordance with the *Ancillary rules: Reasonable steps to seek like-for-like biodiversity credits for the purpose of applying the variation rules (OEH, 2017)*.
- The Department is satisfied that your proposal is consistent with the *Ancillary rules: Reasonable steps to seek like-for-like biodiversity credits for the purpose of applying the variation rules (OEH, 2017)*.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the request to utilise condition B18 to vary offsets for Gang-gang Cockatoo. Please note that the use of variation rules must comply with Clauses 6.4 and 6.6A of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*. 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 David Way at David.Way@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary