

Oliver King  
Project Director  
The Trustee for the NSW Electrical Networks Operations  
180 Thomas Street  
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Subject: Staging Approval for Snowy 2.0 - Transmission Connection

Dear Mr. King

I refer to the Staging Approval Request Letter submitted in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition C3 of the Infrastructure Approval for the Snowy 2.0 - Transmission Connection (SSI-9717).

I note it is proposed that the delivery of the relevant plans and strategies be delivered in two stages and address the following activities:

- Stage 1 – All activities associated with the construction and operation of infrastructure related to the 330 kV grid connection, including:
  - All civil works associated with the new substation in Bago State Forest and the construction/installation of infrastructure associated with the 330 kV component of the substation.
  - Two new 9 km long 330 kV double-circuit overhead transmission lines from the Snowy 2.0 cable yard in Lobs Hole, National Park to a new substation.
  - 330 kV grid connection between the new substation and Transgrid's existing Line 64.
  - Upgrade and widening of an existing access road off Elliott Way to the substation.
  - Ancillary construction activities, including the establishment of tensioning and pulling sites for conductor and earth wire stringing, crane pads, site compounds and equipment laydown areas, water extraction and the transport and haulage of equipment and waste to and from the project area.
- Stage 2 – All activities associated with the construction and operation of infrastructure related to the 500 kV component of the substation, including:
  - The delivery of oversize/overmass (OSOM) components, construction/installation of infrastructure associated with the 500 kV component of the new substation in Bago State Forest (i.e. transformers, reactors, switchbays).

- The upgrade of roads and bridges to facilitate the transport of OSOM 500 kV componentry to the substation.

The Department has carefully reviewed the letter and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the staged delivery of management plans.

However, the Department notes that the expectation is that the relevant management plan is updated to include the new stage as they are required rather than provision of separate management plans for each stage.

Please ensure you make this 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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Nicole Brewer  
Director  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary