Determination

Clarence Correctional Centre 132kV Transmission Line

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The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) – Clarence Correctional Centre 132kV Transmission Line dated 08.04.2019 / Revision 04 was approved on 11 April 2019, following a review and consideration in accordance with the requirements of sections 5.5 and 5.7 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

Transgrid has submitted a request to INSW in its capacity as the determining authority, for approval to extend the working hours during the construction phase in order to complete the works by early October 2019.

The request is supported by technical information provided by Transgrid.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) prepared by Helen Mulcahy Urban Planning Pty Ltd has identified noise and traffic as the likely potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal.

As an authorised person on behalf of INSW, who did not prepare the REF or the EIA, I discharge the duty as a determining authority under section 5.1 of the EP&A Act and conclude that the proposed extended construction hours does not materially alter the status of the Activity as approved, namely that it:

(i) is not an activity prescribed by the EP&A Regulation as requiring an environmental impact statement (EIS);

(ii) is not likely to significantly affect the environment including biodiversity values or threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats, and as a consequence, an EIS is not required;

(iii) will not be carried out on land that is, or is a part of outstanding biodiversity values habitat, or is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats, and as a consequence, a species impact statement is not required; and

(iv) is not likely to have significant impact on matters of national environmental significance, or on the environment on Commonwealth land, and therefore referral to the Minister under the EPBC Act is not required.

Having regard to the above, the proposal to extend the construction hours associated with the new 12.5km long 132kV electricity line servicing the Clarence Correctional Centre (CCC), as described in the REF and EIA, is APPROVED on behalf of INSW and may proceed without the need for further assessment subject to the following:
1. Compliance with (including implementation of) the following conditions of approval, required to prevent, minimise and/or offset adverse environmental impacts:

(a) The terms of the original approval (dated 11 April 2019), namely:

(i) Safeguards and Mitigation Measures detailed in section 8.2 of Review of Environmental Factors - Clarence Correctional Centre 132kV Transmission Line dated 08.04.2019, Revision 04; and

(ii) All relevant statutory requirements, including approvals, licences, notifications, permits and authorisations.

(b) Compliance with the following additional conditions:

(i) Transgrid shall employ best endeavours to program noisy works to be carried out during normal working hours;

(ii) Piling works and hole boring shall generally be restricted to Mondays – Saturdays, unless it is scheduled to occur more than 190 metres from the nearest residential receiver; and

(iii) Passage of trucks and equipment will not occur before 7.00am or after 6.00pm on Sundays.

Note: Any aspect of the proposal which do not comply with the specified mitigation measures is in breach of this determination.

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