10 September 2013

State Significant Biodiversity Values for QBOP Ministerial Designation for Notice for the Min Des for Comm Infrastructure for the Eurombah Substation Project

Draft QBOP Assessment:

There are no potential SSBVs identified in the area proposed for the Eurombah Substation.

There are three potential SSBVs identified for the area where the proposed access road is. These are:

- Remnant containing Endangered regional ecosystems
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- High Value Regrowth Endangered regional ecosystems

If any of these SSBVs are impacted by the proposed road or development then there will be a requirement for a biodiversity offset.

In order to finalise the possible requirement for a Biodiversity Offset, we would require provision of the exact impact areas for all of the proposed developments and activity/ies.

Assessor: Clare Davies

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11 September 2013

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Dear Mr Brown,

Wandoan South to Eurombah Transmission Network Project - Eurombah Substation
Notice of proposed Ministerial Designation of Land for Community Infrastructure

I refer to your letter of 15 August 2013 requesting submissions detailing our views on the Notice of the proposed Ministerial Designation of Land for Community Infrastructure for the Eurombah Substation Powerlink Project in Queensland.

However, it has come to DEHP's attention that the Notice of the proposed project and attached map describing the area proposed to be designated, under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA) Chapter 5, includes an additional area that was not included or described in either the Draft or Final EISs for the project.

The additional area includes an access road to the proposed Eurombah Substation. No ecological assessment has been provided detailing the potential impacts that may be apparent from the construction of the roads.

Consequently, DEHP has only considered the proposed substation site and not the proposed access road in its assessment and comments and does not consider that the additional areas are part of the Ministerial designation due to requirements under SPA Chapter 5 Part 2.

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For the proposed access road to be included in the Ministerial Designation for Community Infrastructure, assessments would need to be undertaken including an ecological assessment, public consultation, and assessment for DEHP interests. The results of these processes and assessments would be considered by the Minister, prior to approving the designation.

Personal communication with you outlined how an agreement about the road and associated approvals has been processed within an existing agreement with APLNG for this access road. If this arrangement is in place, then there may be no need to designate this access road within the ministerial designation.

If you do include this access road within the community designation, an assessment will need to be conducted on this access road, including increased potential for Erosion and Sedimentation Control and dust issues. Other issues that will need to be resolved are any offset implications on the area being designated.

Both of these issues would have been raised at the Initial Assessment Review stage if the access road was included within the document and outlined in the mapping.

Please contact Wes Davidson on 07 4529 1247 or Clare Davies on 07 4529 1248 to discuss how this matter might be resolved or if further information is available.

Yours sincerely,

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Notice of proposed Ministerial Designation of
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I refer to your letter of 15 August 2013 requesting submissions detailing our views on the Notice of the proposed Ministerial Designation of Land for Community Infrastructure for the Eurombah Substation Powerlink Project in Queensland.

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's (DEHP) had no comments on the Draft or Final Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for this project, as the proposed impacts were presented in the reports originally send to us.

However, it has come to DEHP's attention that the Notice of the proposed project and attached map describing the area the Minister proposes to designate community infrastructure under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA) Chapter 5, includes an additional area that were not part of the information provided in both the Draft and Final EISs for the project.

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For the proposed access road to be included in the Ministerial Designation for Community Infrastructure, assessments would need to be undertaken including an ecological assessment, public consultation, an assessment by the relevant state agencies and a Queensland Biodiversity Offset Policy (QMDB) assessment. The results of these processes and assessments would be considered by the Minister, prior to approving the designation.

The inclusion of this considerable length of access road significantly changes the scope of the works, greatly increasing the potential for Erosion and Sedimentation Control and dust issues particularly during the construction of the access road, but also throughout the life of the project.

The existing Final EIS states that: 'Civil earthworks will be required at the substation site to create a level construction pad/platform and access tracks, which may result in erosion and sedimentation impacts. The short term environmental cost will be mitigated through avoiding steep slopes and minimising the amount of dispersive soil to be disturbed. Construction will use existing access tracks as far as possible during this phase. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures will be implemented, when necessary, during the construction phase and life of the asset'. Given that the area of disturbance for civil earthworks is greatly increased, more comprehensive information needs to be provided on how the applicant will address the additional potential for Erosion, Sedimentation and dust issues.

Also, the issues of where the road construction material will be sourced from, and the noise/dust issues associated with getting the materials to site, need to be addressed.

If, as the applicant states, Australia Pacific Liquified Natural gas (APLNG) are going to build the access road under their permits and approvals then there is no need for the access road to be included in the Ministerial Designation.

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In relation to the QBOP, there are no potential SSBVs identified in the area proposed for the Eurombah Substation. However, there are three potential SSBVs identified for the area where the proposed access road is. These are:

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8th May 2013

Eurombah Substation Project
Draft EIS review and QBOP assessment

Draft EIS report:

Read the Eurombah Substation Draft EIS April 2013.

Stated in the EIS is that offsets are not required for the project.

There is no vegetetion on the development site (for the substation) and therefore no triggers for BOP.

There will be no remnant clearing involved in this project.

QBOP assessment:

There were no potential SSBVs identified for the proposed substation site (see biodiversity offset assessment).

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21 May 2013

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Dear Ms Smedley,

Ministerial Designation of land for Community Infrastructure
Proposed Wandoan South to Eurombah Transmission Network Project – Eurombah Substation Project – Powerlink Queensland
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to your letter of 2 May 2013 requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Powerlink Queensland's Eurombah Substation Project.

The Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection (EHP) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project. The Department is generally satisfied that due consideration has been given to the relevant State interests.

EHP has no comments on the relevant sections of the Draft EIS, so there are no issues that would preclude the Ministerial Designation process for this project from proceeding.

Should you have any queries with our response, please contact Clare Davies on 07 4529 1248 or Wes Davidson on 07 4529 1247.

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