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Dear Ms O'Hare

**Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Eastern Section) (SSI-9172452)
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Project EnergyConnect (NSW – Eastern Section) ended on 15 February 2022.

The Department received 52 submissions on the project, including 41 from the general public, five from special interest groups and six from local councils (Wentworth Shire Council, Balranald Shire Council, Murray River Council, Murrumbidgee Council, Federation Council and Lockhart Shire Council). The Department notes that it has not yet received submissions from Edward River Council, Hay Shire Council and Wagga Wagga City Council.

Advice was also received from 14 government agencies. The Department notes that it has not yet received submissions from the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate, Transport for NSW and Heritage Council of NSW. The Department will forward all outstanding submissions and advice to you as soon as they are received.

All submissions, agency advice and comments received by the Department can be viewed on the Department's website at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/40021>.

We now require a written response to recommendations and issues raised in the submissions. The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that is consistent with the *State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines (2021)*. The *Preparing a Submissions Report Guideline* forms part of the SSI Guidelines (Appendix C).

Please provide your response to the issues raised in these submissions by **Friday 22 April 2022**. Following your consideration of the submissions, please contact the Department should you feel that this timeframe is not achievable.

Please lodge your response by progressing the application on the major projects planning portal <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Iwan Davies, who can be contacted on 02 9274 6296 or at iwan.davies@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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