

Table 1 - Response to Independent Auditor's report

Condition no.	Condition	Finding	Recommendation	Project Response	Timeframe for implementation
A13	The Proponent must provide the ER with all documentation requested by the ER in order for the ER to perform their functions specified in condition A12, as well as the complaints register for any complaints received (on the day they are received).	Transgrid advised DPHI of the failure to advise the ER of a complaint relating to a traffic incident on 4 December 2024. Correspondence from Elecnor to the ER advising the ER of the receipt of other complaints was reviewed. The correspondence reviewed indicated that the ER was advised on the day the complaint was received.	Ensure that the ER is advised on all complaints received.	This potential non-compliance was reported to the Department on 13 February 2025. The Department provided a response on 25 February 2025. The recommendations within this reported potential non-compliance have been implemented.	The measures have been implemented.
B2	NC1 *Specialist Biodiversity Audit Report (Appendix F) Related to BMP measure BD14 which requires pre-clearing or clearing activities in areas of Plains-wanderer habitat to be undertaken in accordance with the Plains-wanderer Protocol in Appendix F of the BMP.	Overall, sufficient evidence was sighted that requirements relating to pre-clearing or clearing activities in areas of Plains-wanderer habitat are undertaken in accordance with the Plains-wanderer Protocol in Appendix F of the BMP. Non-compliance: Relates to green flagging that was observed to be down at Line 2, Tower 154, Plains Wanderer habitat.	Flagging to be inspected regularly and maintained to appropriately to protect Plains Wanderer Habitat until construction is complete. It is acknowledged that the project has encountered disturbance to flagging and pegs by landholders and/or livestock and ongoing maintenance of pegs and flagging can therefore be challenging, especially at the location (Tower 154) where the non-compliance was noted. Adaptive management (the use of both temporary fencing and green flagging) is being applied to address landholder livestock concerns at this location. The evidence provided to the auditor, relating to the flagging register and monitoring of flagged sites, is noted. The auditor is satisfied that there are suitable checks in place prior to construction activities commencing, meaning that Plains Wanderer Habitat would be protected prior to construction activities (which were not occurring at the time of the audit).	The flagging in this location has been rectified. Elecnor has installed a large amount of flagging across the project (hundreds of kilometres), and as stated by the auditor, there are challenges due to removal by landholders, interference by cattle and very windy days. There has been a request for no flagging at the location of Tower 154 due to cattle in this paddock. For this reason, temporary (ATF) fencing has also been installed to identify and delineate the Plains-wanderer habitat. Green flagging is placed along the top of the ATF, out of the cow's reach, to ensure consistency of messaging to site personnel. Signage is also installed. The flagging in this location had come down, however other measures remained. There were no works occurring in the vicinity of this tower at the time of the audit. Prior to works commencing, inspections and maintenance of flagging occurs, with photo evidence obtained prior to permitting the commencement of works. Elecnor also has a team of environmental labourers who are required to maintain flagging across the project. Further to this an Exclusion Flagging Register has been	The flagging in this location has been rectified. The installation and maintenance of flagging is continuous.

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				<p>prepared to track and monitor flagging across PEC East.</p> <p>The project will continue to monitor the maintenance of flagging through regular inspections and the use of the Exclusion Flagging Register to identify maintenance required.</p>	
C28	The Proponent must: b) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to avoid and minimise harm to Aboriginal heritage items and PADs within the development area; and	<p>Two compliance incidents relating to protection of Aboriginal Heritage were recorded during this audit period. The incidents relate to the unexpected heritage finds on Line 2 at Tower 430 (21/11/24) and Tower 485 (23/11/24). Works undertaken prior to the release of the hold point associated with the unexpected finds.</p> <p>Subsequent investigations found that the artefact(s) at Tower 430 were not of heritage significance. The works at Tower 485 did not impact the heritage artefact found.</p>	Detailed investigations were undertaken and actions taken, including training and procedure updates. No further actions have been identified by the Auditor.	<p>This potential non-compliance was reported to the Department on 28 November 2024.</p> <p>The recommendations within this reported potential non-compliance have been implemented.</p> <p>The Department responded on 3 February 2025 and determined to record the breach.</p>	The measures have been implemented.