



To: Andrew Kingsmill  
Manager Network Planning TransGrid

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**Re: Humelink PADR**

Dear Andrew,

Neoen welcomes the opportunity to respond to TransGrid's Project Assessment Draft Report for Humelink.

Neoen is one of the world's leading independent producers of renewable energy. Neoen is a responsible company with a long-term vision that translates into a strategy seeking strong, sustainable growth. We have over 3 GW of projects globally in operation and under construction, including in the NEM: Hornsdale Wind Farm (309 MW in SA); Parkes, Griffith, Dubbo, and Coleambally Solar Farms (combined 255 MW in NSW); Bulgana Green Power Hub (hybrid wind/battery system) and Numurkah Solar Farm (combined 314 MW in VIC); and the Degrusa Hybrid Power System (10.6 MW in WA). Neoen is also the owner of Hornsdale Power Reserve (100 MW/129 MWh battery system) in SA.

**Summary of Support**

Strengthening this part of the network is a strategic decision regardless of the outcome of Snowy 2.0. Stronger links with the SA-NSW and VIC-NSW augmentations maximises the potential of these projects. Reduced network congestion and greater options for new generator connection increases the reliability of NSW's electricity supply to the benefit of all NSW consumers.

Neoen agrees with TransGrid's qualification of Option 3C as the preferred option. Not only does 3C reduce the impact of a major outage, it also increases the potential for new generation to connect by having geographical spread in route.

Of the options, 4C is the most likely to reduce network congestion, however it is understandable that the additional expense over 3C may not be justified by these benefits. In any case deeper connection to the load can be done at a later date if deemed valuable.

Should you have any questions or seek to follow up this submission at any time, please feel free to contact Tom Geiser via email at [tom.geiser@neoen.com](mailto:tom.geiser@neoen.com).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TG", written over a horizontal line.

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