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Abbreviations

CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan

ha Hectare(s)

INTG Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia

INTG TEC OMP

Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia Threatened Ecological

Community Offset Management Plan

km Kilometre(s)

m Metre(s)

MW Megawatts

MWh Megawatt hours

NEOEN NEOEN Australia Pty Ltd

OMP Offset Management Plan

OTL Overhead Transmission Line

PBTL Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard (Tiliqua adelaidensis)

PBTL Management

Plan

Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Management Plan

PBTL OMP Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Offset Management Plan

SA South Australia

TEC Threatened Ecological Community

WTG Wind Turbine Generator



Definitions Associated with EPBC 2021/8959

Access tracks

means the areas enclosed by the dashed blue lines, dashed red lines and dashed green lines and labelled 'existing public road', 'existing private access track' and 'new access track', respectively, on the maps at Attachments D and D1-D3 (attached to the EPBC approval) for the purpose of establishing, using and maintaining access and maintenance routes to the overhead transmission line and substation located within the **project area**.

Business day

means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.

CEMP

means the Construction Environmental Management Plan required under and currently approved in accordance with the requirements of condition 9 of the **SA development approval**.

Clear / Clearing

means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation.

Commencement of the action / Commence the action

means the first instance of any specified activity associated with the action including clearing and construction. Commencement of the action/Commence the action does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to:

- i. undertake pre-clearance surveys or monitoring programs;
- ii. install signage and /or temporary fencing to prevent unapproved use of the **project area**;
- iii. protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests, including installation of temporary fencing, and use of existing surface access tracks;
- iv. install temporary site facilities for persons undertaking precommencement activities so long as these are located where they have no impact on the protected matters; or
- v. undertaking geotechnical investigations if it causes only minor physical disturbance and is required well in advance of most site works to inform design.

Commence operation / Commencement of operation

means the first instance the transmission line and substation are used for commercial purposes.

Completion data

means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met. The **Department**'s preferred spatial data format is **shapefile**.



Completion of the action

means the date on which all specified activities associated with the action have permanently ceased.

Compliance records

means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.

Compliance report(s)

means written reports:

- i. providing accurate and complete details of compliance, **incidents**, and non-compliance with the conditions and the **plans**;
- vi. consistent with the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2014;
- vii. include a **shapefile** of any clearance of any **protected matters**, or their habitat, undertaken within the relevant 12 month period;
- viii. annexing a schedule of all **plans** prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12 month period; and
- ix. advising of the identity and current contact details of all persons authorised to act for the approval holder in relation to this approval.

Construct / Construction

means the erection of a building or structure that is or is to be fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building or structure; preliminary site preparation work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving); the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work; but excluding the installation of temporary fences and signage.

Department

means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the **EPBC Act**.

Environmental Management Plan Guidelines

means the *Environmental Management Plan Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2014.

Environmental Offsets Policy

means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy*, Commonwealth of Australia 2012, or any subsequent official revision produced by the **Department**.

EPBC Act

means the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth).

Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility

is a renewable energy development located between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia. The **Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility** includes, in addition to the action subject of this approval, the proposed actions described in the **EPBC Act** referrals EPBC 2021/8957, EPBC 2021/8958 and EPBC 2021/8960.



Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects means the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021.

Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data means the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018.

Impact (verb)

means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action.

Incident

means any event which has the potential to, or does, impact on one or more **protected matter**.

Independent audit

means an audit conducted by an independent and **suitably qualified person** as detailed in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines,* Commonwealth of Australia 2019.

Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened ecological community (TEC) Irongrass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia (INTG).

Legal securing mechanism

means the legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, implemented to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.

Minister

means the Australian Government Minister administering the **EPBC Act** including any delegate thereof.

Monitoring data

means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval.

New or increased impact

means a new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any **protected matter**, when compared to the likely impact of implementing the action management plan that has been approved by the **Minister** under condition 3, including any subsequent revisions approved by the **Minister**, as outlined in the *Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental* approvals, Commonwealth of Australia 2017.

Operation

means the usage of the transmission line and substation for the purposes of transforming and/or redistributing electric current.

Peep Hill Hop-bush

means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species *Dodonaea subglandulifera*.

Plan(s)

means any of the documents required to be prepared, approved by the **Minister**, implemented by the approval holder and/or published on the **website** in accordance with these conditions (includes action management plans and/or strategies).

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Project area means the location of the action, represented by the area shown enclosed

by the orange line labelled 'OTL and Substation Project Area' on the map at Attachment A and the maps at Attachment A1-A15 (attached to the EPBC

approval).

Protected matter(s) means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the

EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.

Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard

/ PBTL

means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species *Tiliqua adelaidensis*.

Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard

habitat

means remnant native grassland and grassy woodland with a sparse overstorey of trees, including but not limited to the areas represented on the map at Attachment F (attached to the EPBC approval) as shown:

Shaded in dark green and enclosed by a light green line and labelled as 'PBTL habitat Likely'; and

Shaded in light green and enclosed by a dark green line and labelled as

'PBTL habitat Potential'.

SA development approval means the approved development application number 422/V009/20 R1 (or

subsequent approved revisions thereof) granted under section 131 (19) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (SA) for the **Goyder**

South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility.

Secure / secured /

securing

means to execute a legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with

conservation.

Senecio species means any plant of the Senecio genus which, subject to identification at the

species level, may be an EPBC Act listed threatened species (which includes *Senecio macrocarpus* (Large-fruit Fireweed) and *Senecio megaglossus*

(Superb Groundsel)).

Sensitive ecological data means data as defined in the Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and

Management Policy V1.0, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.

Shapefile means location and attribute information of the action provided in an Esri

shapefile format. Shapefiles must contain '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files and a '.prj' file that specifies the projection/geographic coordinate system used.

Shapefiles must also include an '.xml' metadata file that describes the

shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.

Significant impacts are impacts which are important, notable, or of consequence, having

regard to their context or intensity, and assessed within the framework of the *Matters of National Environmental Significance – Significant Impact*

Guidelines 1.1, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.

Spiller's Wattle means the EPBC Act listed threatened species Acacia spilleriana.

Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or

experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give



authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.

Website

means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.



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1.0 Introduction

Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd received approval in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), (also referred to as the Common Asset), on 28 July 2022 (**Appendix 1**). A variation to the conditions of approval was received on 19 December 2022 (**Appendix 2**).

NEOEN Australia Pty Ltd (NEOEN) is contracted by Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd to ensure compliance with the approval, which is subject to specific conditions of approval (refer to **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** for the approval documentation). In particular, Condition 13 refers to annual compliance reporting, as follows:

- 13. The approval holder must prepare a **compliance report** for each 12 month period following the date of **commencement of the action**, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the **Minister**. The approval holder must:
 - b. publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within 60 **business days** following the relevant 12 month period;
 - c. notify the **Department** by email that a **compliance report** has been published on the **website** and provide the weblink for the **compliance report** within 5 **business days** of the date of publication;
 - d. keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;
 - e. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website; and
 - f. where any **sensitive ecological data** has been excluded from the version published, submit the full **compliance report** to the **Department** within 5 **business days** of publication.

Note: Compliance reports may be published on the Department's website.

As such this document has been prepared to provide an annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility (EPBC 2021/8959), which commenced on 5 September 2022. This is the second annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and applies to the second 12 months of the Project, from 5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024. During this timeframe, construction works have continued on site.

A summary of the approved action and compliance report details is provided in **Table 1.1** on the following page.



Table 1.1 Summary of Approved Action and Compliance Report Details

EPBC Number	2021/8959			
Project name	Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (referred to as the Common Asset)			
Approval holder	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd			
Approval holder ACN / ABN	649 966 138			
The approved action	To construct and operate an overhead transmission line and substation within the Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia.			
Location of the Project	Approximately 10 km south of Burra to approximately 5 km north-east of Robertstown, South Australia (refer to Figure 1).			
Person accepting responsibility for the report	Jean-Christophe Cheylus			
Date of commencement of the action	5 September 2022			
Annual compliance report reporting period	5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024 (inclusive)			
Date of preparation of this annual compliance report	25 November 2024			

1.1 Project Background

NEOEN is developing the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility (the Goyder South Project; the Project) between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia (SA). The Project combines wind, solar and energy storage in one integrated project and will be capable of delivering a steady, reliable, dispatchable output of power throughout the day and night. The Goyder South Project will generate more than 4,800,000 Megawatt hours (MWh) of power annually and is comprised of:

- A wind farm of up to 163 turbines with a capacity of up to 1200 Megawatts (MW), a maximum hub
 height of 121 metres (m), a maximum blade length of 78 m and an overall maximum height (tip height)
 of 199 m
- A solar farm (across two sites) of up to 3000 hectares (ha) of solar panels with a capacity of up to 600 MW
- An energy storage facility (lithium-ion battery) with a capacity of up to 900 MW / 1,800 MWh (2 hours)
- Associated infrastructure for connection to the electricity grid including three substations, access tracks, underground connection cabling and overhead transmission lines (OTLs)
- · Permanent operations and maintenance compounds
- Temporary construction compounds for both wind and solar components, including concrete batching plants
- A number of meteorological masts (in addition to those already on the site) to record wind speed and other meteorological data, both pre- and post- construction.



As the Goyder South Project will total up to \$3 billion in investment, NEOEN propose to implement the Project in stages, with each stage having its own legal entity, construction contracts and financing packages. An overview of each stage currently proposed for development, along with the corresponding EPBC approvals sought and obtained is outlined in **Table 1.2**.

Table 1.2 Current Proposed Stages and Corresponding EPBC Act Approvals for the Project

Project Stage / Proposed Action	Legal Entity	EPBC Referral Reference	EPBC Referral Decision	Date EPBC Approval Received
Stage 1A (38 WTGs and associated infrastructure)	Goyder Wind Farm 1A Pty Ltd	2021/8958	Controlled Action	5/07/2022
Stage 1B (37 WTGs and associated infrastructure)	Goyder Wind Farm 1B Pty Ltd	2021/8957	Controlled Action	13/07/2022
OTI and Calendarian	Canalan Wind Farm	2021/8959	Controlled Action	28/07/2022
OTL and Substation (Common Asset)	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd		Variation of conditions attached to approval	Variation received 19/12/2022
Battery	NEOEN Australia Pty Ltd	2021/8960	Not a Controlled Action	Not required

Each of the currently proposed stages of the Project are shown in Figure 1.2. Other components of the Goyder South Project, including the remaining wind farm areas, the two solar farms, overhead transmission lines and substations are potential future stages as they are not currently commercially viable and there is currently no immediate prospect of these components / stages proceeding to construction.

As stated previously, this annual compliance report is for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) component of the Goyder South Project.



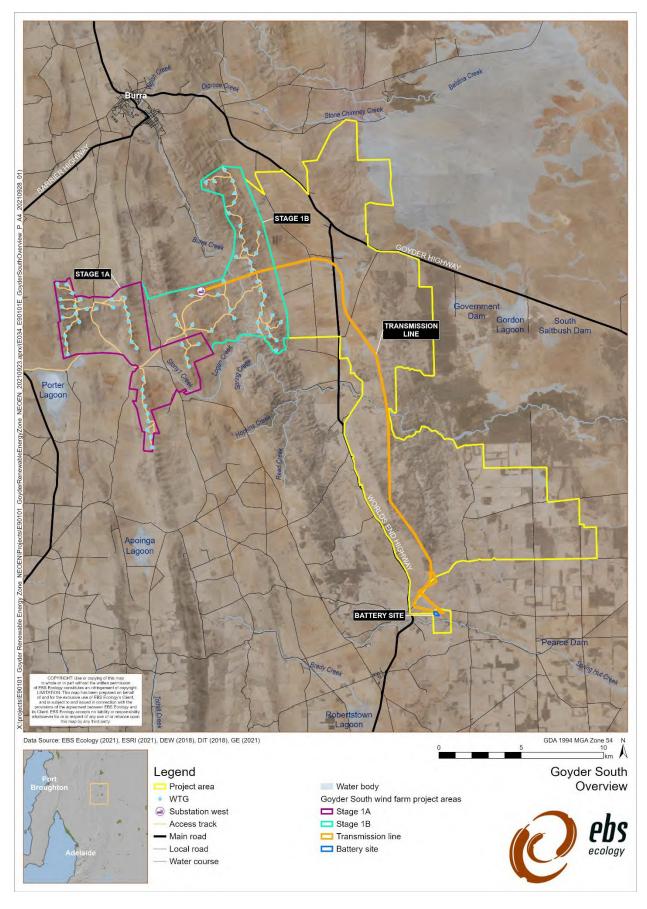


Figure 1.1 Current proposed stages of the Goyder South Project



2.0 Compliance with Conditions of Approval

Compliance with the conditions associated with the EPBC 2021/8959 OTL and Substation (Common Asset) approval and variation is presented in **Table 2.1** on the following pages.

Compliance has been achieved for all conditions of approval applicable to the timeframe of this annual compliance report (5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024), while several conditions of approval are not applicable to this annual compliance report.



Table 2.1 Conditions of approval associated with the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) EPBC Act Approval (2021/8959)

Condition of Approval	Is the Project Compliant with this Condition?	Evidence / Commentary
Part A – Conditions specific to the action		
Impact limits 1. The approval holder must not:		
a. clear more than 1.36 hectares (ha) of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the project area;	Compliant	The approval holder has not cleared more than 1.36 ha of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the OTL and Substation.
		No Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC occurs within the Substation.
		Approximately 0.3789 ha of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC has been cleared.
		This clearance figure is based on disturbance footprint spatial data (GIS shapefiles) provided by the construction contractor for clearance impacts up to 28/06/2024. No further spatial data is available for the timeframe applicable to this compliance report (5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024).
		Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC cleared within the OTL.
ab) clear more than 3.88 ha of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat within the project area;	Compliant	The approval holder has not cleared more than 3.88 ha of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat within the OTL and Substation.
		Approximately 3.4460 ha of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat has been cleared.
		This clearance figure is based on disturbance footprint spatial data (GIS shapefiles) provided by the construction contractor for clearance impacts up to 28/06/2024. No further spatial



Conditi	on of Approval	Is the Project Compliant with this Condition?	Evidence / Commentary
			data is available for the timeframe applicable to this compliance report (5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024).
			Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat cleared within the OTL and Substation.
ac)	translocate and/or relocate or otherwise impact more than 60 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards ;	Compliant	The approval holder has not translocated and/or relocated or otherwise impacted more than 60 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards within the OTL and Substation.
			A total of 44 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards have been translocated out of the Substation and 4 have been relocated out of the OTL, prior to their habitat being cleared during construction works.
			Access track within the OTL has been micro-sited around individual Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards to avoid relocation of them.
			Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing PBTLs translocated out of the Substation and relocated out of the OTL.
b.	impact any Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species without the Minister's prior approval in writing under condition 1A of this	Compliant	The approval holder has not impacted any Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species within the OTL or Substation.
	approval; or		No Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species occurred within the Substation.
			Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing Spiller's Wattle, Peep Hill Hop-bush and Senecio species within and/or adjacent to the OTL.
c.	impact any protected matter, except for what is allowed under conditions 1a, 1ab, 1ac, and 1b, within the project area or within access tracks.	Compliant	The approval holder has not impacted any protected matter , except for what is allowed under conditions 1a, 1ab, 1ac, and 1b, within the project area or within access tracks .



Condition of Approval	Is the Project Compliant with this Condition?	Evidence / Commentary
 1A) Any request by the approval holder to have any impact to protected matters beyond the limit specified at condition Ib of this approval or subsequently granted by the Minister in writing under this condition, must include: a. details of the proposed increased impact to protected matters (including identification of any Senecio species, and the number and location of individuals proposed to be affected); b. details of any avoidance and mitigation measures to minimise impacts, including details of monitoring to verify their effectiveness (e.g. post-translocation success); c. details, with relevant supporting evidence, of any residual significant impact to protected matters; and d. a commitment to submit, within 28 business days of the Minister granting approval of such a request, a version of the Offset Management Plan revised to specify how the approval holder will compensate for any residual significant impact to protected matters informed by monitoring following implementation of any avoidance and mitigation measures detailed in condition IAb of this approval. 	Not applicable	The approval holder has not requested to have any impact to protected matters beyond the limit specified at condition lb of this approval or subsequently granted by the Minister in writing under this condition. As such, this condition is not applicable.
Environmental Management Plans		
To minimise impacts to protected matters during the construction and operation, the approval holder must implement the CEMP.	Compliant	The approval holder has implemented the Construction Environmental Management Plan(CEMP) since the action commenced on 5 September 2022. The approval holder intends to continue to implement the CEMP for the duration of construction. The CEMP is available on the Project's website at: https://goyderenergv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GSWF-ELECNOR-EHS-PLN-00Q5-Rev-13-Construction-Environmental-Management-Plan.pdf.



Coi	ndition of Approval	Is the Project Compliant with this Condition?	Evidence / Commentary
3.	For the protection of the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, the approval holder must implement the INTG TEC Management Plan for the duration of this approval.	Compliant	The approval holder has implemented the INTG TEC Management Plan since the action commenced on 5 September 2022 and intends to continue to implement it for the duration of the EPBC approval. The INTG TEC Management Plan is available on the Project's website at: https://RoyderenerRV.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/OI/INTG TEC Man Plan Final 20220628.pdf.
3A)	The approval holder must submit a PBTL Management Plan for the Minister's approval. If the Minister approves the PBTL Management Plan, then the approval holder must implement the PBTL Management Plan approved by the Minister.	Compliant	The approval holder submitted a PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) for the Minister's approval. The approval holder received Minister's approval of the PBTL Management Plan (30/11/2023) on 29/01/2024 (refer to Appendix 4). The approval holder has implemented the PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) approved by the Minister, since the 29/01/2024.
3B)	The approval holder must not commence operation unless the PBTL Management Plan has been approved by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	The approval holder has not yet commenced operation. The PBTL Management Plan has been approved by the Minister in writing (refer to Appendix 4).
3C)	The implementation of the PBTL Management Plan must achieve the following environmental objectives: a. avoid, mitigate and rehabilitate impacts of the action on pygmy blue-tongue lizard and pygmy blue-tongue lizard habitat; and b. impacts of the Action to Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat do not exceed those specified at condition 1 of this approval.	Compliant	The approval holder has implemented the PBTL Management Plan during construction works for the OTL and Substation. The PBTL Management Plan aims to avoid and minimise impacts of the action on Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat; and ensure that impacts of the action on Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat do not exceed those specified at condition 1of the OTL and Substation EPBC approval.



Conditi	on of Approval	Is the Project Compliant with this Condition?	Evidence / Commentary
3D) The PBTL Management Plan must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, and must include: c. details of the relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers.		Compliant	The PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) has been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and includes details of the relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s (Section 4 PBTL Profile in the PBTL Management Plan) and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers (Table 3 in the PBTL Management Plan).
d.	a table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan.	Compliant	The PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) includes a table (Table 2) of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan.
e.	commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental objectives are achieved, including details of the methods for planning, undertaking and monitoring the outcomes of any proposed relocation and/or translocation of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards , which must be consistent with the South Australian government Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild and Release Protected Animals to the Wild for conservation purposes (Permit number: T40145).	Compliant	Section 13 and Section 14 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) includes commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental objectives are achieved, including details of the methods for planning, undertaking and monitoring the outcomes of any proposed relocation and/or translocation of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards , which must be consistent with the South Australian government Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild and Release Protected Animals to the Wild for conservation purposes (Permit number: T40145).
f.	reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan.	Compliant	Section 14 and Section 10.4 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) include reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan.
g.	an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental objectives and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks.	Compliant	Section 10.3 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) includes an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental objectives and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks.
h.	impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures.	Compliant	Section 5, Section 11 and Section 12 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) includes impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures.



Condition of Approval	Is the Project Compliant with this Condition?		
 i. a monitoring program, which must include: i. measurable performance indicators ii. trigger values for corrective actions iii. the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and iv. proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached. 	Compliant	Section 14 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 5, dated 30/11/2023) includes a monitoring program which includes measurable performance indicators; trigger values for corrective actions; the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached.	
Environmental offsets			
4. To compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue lizard, and any other protected matters, the approval holder must submit to the Department for the Minister's approval an Offset Management Plan (OMP) within 6 months of the date of this approval.	Compliant	The approval holder submitted an Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia Threatened Ecological Community Offset Management Plan (INTG TEC OMP) and a Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Offset Management Plan (PBTL OMP) to the Department on 5 January 2023, within 6 months of the date of the approval (28 July 2022). Evidence of submission was provided in the previous annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023). Each plan was subject to revision after feedback was received from the Department. A final revised version of the INTG TEC OMP (version 5, dated 29/09/2023) was submitted to the Department on 3 October 2023. A final revised version of the PBTL OMP (version 5, dated 29/09/2023) was submitted to the Department on 29/09/2023. Each OMP was specifically prepared to satisfy the requirements of this condition of approval. The approval holder received Minister's approval of these OMPs on 29/01/2024 (refer to Appendix 4).	



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	IP must: be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines;	Compliant	Both the PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP have been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines.
b.	include a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers;	Compliant	Both the PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP include reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which each OMP refers (Table 2 in the PBTL OMP; Table 2 in the INTG TEC OMP).
c.	include summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, and any other protected matters, that will be compensated for by the offset(s);	Compliant	Section 3.6 of the INTG TEC OMP includes summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC that will be compensated for by the INTG TEC offset. Section 3.6 of the PBTL OMP includes summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard that will be compensated for by the PBTL offset.
d.	identify a suitable environmental offset(s) to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue lizard, and any other protected matters, which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister;	Compliant	Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the INTG TEC OMP identifies a suitable environmental offset to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy. Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP identifies a suitable environmental offset to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy.
e.	include the size of the proposed offset(s) in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and the accurate boundaries of the offset(s), in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed offset(s);	Compliant	Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the INTG TEC OMP includes the size of the proposed INTG TEC offset in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and the accurate boundaries of the INTG TEC offset, in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects , and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed INTG TEC offset. Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP includes the size of the proposed PBTL offset in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and the accurate boundaries of the PBTL offset, in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for



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			EPBC Act projects , and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed PBTL offset.
f.	specify the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the offset area(s), with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe;	Compliant	Section 4.8 (including sub-section 4.8.1) of the INTG TEC OMP specifies the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the INTG TEC offset area, with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe.
			Section 4.7 of the PBTL OMP specifies the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the INTG TEC offset area, with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe.
g.	commit to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provide timeframes for their achievement;	Compliant	Section 6.1 of the INTG TEC OMP commits to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provides timeframes for their achievement.
			Section 6.1 and Section 6.3 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP commits to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provides timeframes for their achievement.
h.	detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved;	Compliant	Section 4.8 and Section 6.1 of the INTG TEC OMP detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved.
			Section 4.7 and Section 6.1 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved.
i.	detail a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed offset(s), which must include: i. measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset towards the achievement of the ecological benefits;	Compliant	Section 6.5 of the INTG TEC OMP details a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed INTG TEC offset, which includes measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset toward the achievement of the ecological benefits; trigger values for corrective actions; and the timing, and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators.
	ii. trigger values for corrective actions; and		Section 6.5 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP details a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the



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	iii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators.		proposed PBTL offset, which includes measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset toward the achievement of the ecological benefits; trigger values for corrective actions; and the timing, and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators.	
j.	include an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these;	Compliant	Section 6.4 of the INTG TEC OMP includes an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these. Section 6.4 of the PBTL OMP includes an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these.	
k.	specify how and at what frequency offset(s) management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public;	Compliant	Section 6.3.6 of the INTG TEC OMP specifies how and at what frequency INTG TEC offset management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public. Section 6.3.9 of the PBTL OMP specifies how and at what frequency PBTL offset management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public.	
I.	propose corrective actions if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved;	Compliant	Table 16 in the INTG TEC OMP proposes corrective actions if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved. Section 6.3.11 in the PBTL OMP proposes corrective actions if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved	
m.	include links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions), if any; and	Compliant	Section 2.1 in the INTG TEC OMP includes links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions), Section 2.1 in the PBTL OMP includes links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions).	



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n. justify and specify the period for which the OMP will be implemented.	Compliant	Section 6.3.1 in the INTG TEC OMP justifies and specifies the period for which the INTG TEC OMP will be implemented.
The approval holder must not commence operation until the OMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The		Section 6.3.1 in the PBTL OMP justifies and specifies the period for which the PBTL OMP will be implemented.
approval holder must implement the approved OMP for the period described in the approved OMP.		The approval holder did not commence operation until after the OMPs had been approved by the Minister (both the INTG TEC OMP and PBTL OMP were approved by the Minister in writing on 29/01/2024 (refer to Appendix 4) and operation did not commence until 4 April 2024 (Appendix 6).
		The approval holder commenced implementation of the OMPs on 29/01/2024 and intends to implement the INTG TEC OMP and PBTL OMP for the period described in each of the OMPs.
5. If the OMP (required under Condition 4) has not been approved by the Minister in writing within 18 months of the date of this approval, and the Minister notifies the	Not applicable	The action was approved on 28/07/2022. The approval holder received Minister's approval of the OMPs on 29/01/2024 (refer to Appendix 4).
approval holder that the submitted OMP is not suitable for approval, the Minister may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the OMP revised by the Department .		The Minister has not notified the approval holder that the submitted OMPs are not suitable for approval, nor has the Minister approved a version of the OMP revised by the Department. As such, this condition is not applicable.
6. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department that the offset site(s) required under the approved OMP has/have been acquired and secured	Not applicable	The approval holder received Minister's approval of the OMPs on 29/01/2024 (refer to Appendix 4).
within 12 months of the OMP approval date. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department identifying the legal securing mechanism by which each offset site will be permanently protected for conservation within 10 business days of securing the offset.		However, this Condition is not applicable to this annual compliance report (5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024) as the 12 month timeframe has not yet expired.



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Note: The approval holder may choose to combine the OMPs required as conditions of approval for other proposed elements of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility. In this case, the approval holder must clearly demonstrate how the offset requirement(s) for each individual proposed element is being met and identify unique offset area(s) for each approved action geospatially.		
Part B – Standard administrative conditions		
Notification of date of commencement of the action		
7. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement of the action and the date of commencement of operation within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action and after the date of commencement of operation .	Compliant	The action commenced on 5 September 2022. NEOEN (on behalf of the approval holder) notified the Department in writing on 12 September 2022 of the date of commencement of the action , within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action (5 September 2022). Refer to Appendix 5 for correspondence regarding commencement of the action . Operation commenced on 4 April 2024. NEOEN (on behalf of the approval holder) notified the Department in writing on 9 April 2024 of the date of the commencement of operation, within 10 business days after the date of commencement of operation (refer to Appendix 6 for the notification).
8. If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Not applicable	Commencement of the action occurred on 5 September 2022, within 5 years from the date of approval. As such, this condition is not applicable.
Compliance records		
The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	The approval holder is maintaining accurate and complete compliance records .



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approval holder m	makes a request in writing, the ust provide electronic copies of so the Department within the din the request.	Not applicable	The Department did not make a request in writing for electronic copies of compliance records within the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024). As such, this condition is not applicable.
Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the Department's website or through the general media.			
Submission and publication of plans			
approval by the	ectronically to the Department for Minister ; e agreed to in writing by the Minister , an on the website within 20 business	Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), PBTL Management Plan and INTG TEC Management Plan were submitted electronically to the Department for approval by the Minister, including as part of the Preliminary Documentation during the EPBC referral assessment process for the Goyder South Project (EPBC Act Referrals 2021/8958; 2021/8957 and 2021/8959).
i. of this app	roval decision if the version of the plan emented is specified in these		The CEMP, PBTL Management Plan and INTG TEC Management Plan are available on the Project's website at: https://goyderenergy.com.au/documents/ .
	approved by the Minister if these require that the plan be approved by er ; or		These plans were published on the Project's website in accordance with this approval condition.
minister or	approved by a responsible State r State authority if the plan is required the SA development approval ;		Where relevant, sensitive ecological data has been redacted from plans published on the Project's website.
to the Min	iction management plan is submitted ister or the Department if the plan is in accordance with condition 23;		The approval holder intends to keep these plans published on the Project's website until the end date of the EPBC approval.



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 c. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public; and d. keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval. 		
12. The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan is prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data, and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plan.	Compliant	The approval holder intends to ensure that monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan (such as the PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP) is prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia (2018), and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plans. At this stage, only baseline data has been collected for the PBTL Offset Areas. This data will be prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia (2018), and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the PBTL OMP.
Annual compliance reporting		
13. The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:	Compliant	The action commenced on 5 September 2022. This document is the second annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the second 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024.
 a. publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period; 	Compliant	This annual compliance report will be published on the Project's website within 60 business days following the second 12 month period, which equates to ~29 November 2024. This annual compliance report will be available at the following website page: https://goyderenergy.com.au/documents/ .



notify the Department by email that this compliance report has roject's website and provide the weblink for the compliance report of the date of publication (which equates to ~6 December 2024).
keep all compliance reports publicly available on the Project's Act approval expires, which is 31 December 2057.
a will be excluded or redacted from compliance reports published on
ort containing sensitive ecological data will be submitted to the siness days of publication (which equates to ~6 December 2024).
24, the approval holder notified the Department in writing of a otential non-compliance with the commitments made in the CEMP Plan (refer to Appendix 7 for notification to the Department). The ame aware of the potential incident and potential non-compliance made in plans on Friday 12 April. As such, notification was given as later than 2 business days after becoming aware of the incident or tification was prepared to satisfy the requirements of this condition
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the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.		
 15. The approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying: a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future; b. the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder. 	Compliant	The approval holder provided to the Department the details of the potential incident and potential non-compliance with the commitments made in plans on 29 April 2024 (refer to Appendix 8 for details). As such, the details were provided to the Department as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the potential incident and potential non-compliance (noting that 25 April is not a business day). The details were prepared to satisfy the requirements of this condition of approval.
Independent audit		
16. The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister .	Not applicable	No independent audit of compliance with the conditions has been requested in writing by the Minister .
 17. For each independent audit, the approval holder must: a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department; b. only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department; and c. submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria. 	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.



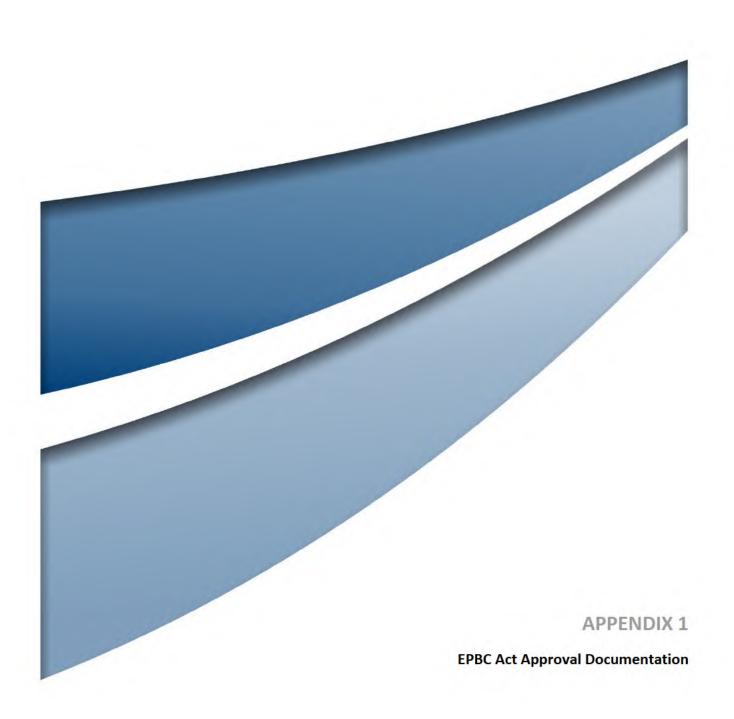
Condition of Approval		Is the Project Compliant with this Condition?	Evidence / Commentary
18.	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.
Rev	rision of action management plans		
19.	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.	Not applicable	This document is the second annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the second 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024. The approval holder did not apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister , within the second 12 month period following the date of the commencement of the action (5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024), so this condition of approval is not applicable.
20.	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 3, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act , if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact .	Not applicable	This document is the second annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the second 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024. The approval holder did not revise an action management plan approved by the Minister , within the second 12 month period following the date of the commencement of the action (5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024), so this condition of approval is not applicable.
21.	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 20 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must: a. notify the Department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the Department with: i. an electronic copy of the RAMP;	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.



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	ii.	an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;		
	iii.	an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;		
	iv.	the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact ; and		
		written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the Department. Diect to condition 23, implement the RAMP from a RAMP implementation date.		
22.	implem giving w holder r must im immedi	proval holder may revoke their choice to thent a RAMP under condition 20 at any time by written notice to the Department . If the approval revokes the choice under condition 20, the holder applement the action management plan in force that is a proval condition 20.	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.
23.	the Min	linister gives a notice to the approval holder that nister is satisfied that the taking of the action in ance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new eased impact , then:	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.



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 a. condition 20 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP; and b. the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice. 		
24. At the time of giving the notice under condition 23, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 20 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.
Note: conditions 20, 21, 22 and 23 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the Minister for approval.		Noted.
Completion of the action		
25. Within 20 business days after the completion of the action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the Department electronically of the date of completion of the action and provide completion data.	Not applicable	The action has not yet been completed, so this condition of approval is not applicable for this annual compliance report .



APPROVAL

Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959)

This decision is made under sections 130(1) and 133(1) of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (the EPBC Act). Note that section 134(1A) of the EPBC Act applies to this approval, which provides in general terms that if the approval holder authorises another person to undertake any part of the action, the approval holder must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the other person is informed of any conditions attached to this approval, and that the other person complies with any such condition.

Details

Person to whom the approval is granted (approval holder)	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd
ACN of approval holder	649 966 138
Action	To construct and operate an overhead transmission line and substation within the Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia.

[See EPBC Act referral 2021/8959].

Approval decision

My decisions on whether or not to approve the taking of the action for the purposes of each controlling provision for the action are as follows.

Controlling Provisions

Listed Threatened Species and Communities	
Section 18	Approve
Section 18A	Approve

Period for which the approval has effect

This approval has effect until 31 December 2057.

Decision-maker

Name and position	Kylie Calhoun	
	Assistant Secretary	
	Environment Assessments West (WA, SA, NT) Branch	
Signature	Lylie Cal	

Date of decision 28 July 2022

Conditions of approval

This approval is subject to the conditions under the EPBC Act as set out in ANNEXURE A.

ANNEXURE A – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Part A - Conditions specific to the action

Impact limits

- 1. The approval holder must not:
 - a. clear more than 1.08 hectares of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the project area;
 - b. **impact** any **Spiller's Wattle** or **Peep Hill Hop-bush**, including within the locations shown in the maps at <u>Attachment B</u> and <u>Attachment C</u>, respectively; and
 - c. **impact** any **protected matter**, except for what is allowed under condition 1.a., within the **project area** or within **access tracks**.

Environmental management plans

- 2. To minimise **impacts** to **protected matters** during **construction** and **operation**, the approval holder must implement the **CEMP**.
- 3. For the protection of the **Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC**, the approval holder must implement the **INTG TEC Management Plan** for the duration of this approval.

Environmental offsets

Offset Management Plan

4. To compensate for residual **significant impacts** to the **Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC**, the approval holder must submit to the **Department** for the **Minister's** approval an Offset Management Plan (OMP) within 6 months of the date of this approval.

The OMP must:

- a. be consistent with the **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**;
- include a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers;
- include summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural
 Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC that will be compensated for by the offset(s);
- d. identify a suitable environmental offset(s) to compensate for residual **significant impacts** to the **Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC** which meets the requirements of the **Environmental Offsets Policy** to the satisfaction of the **Minister**;
- e. include the size of the proposed offset(s) in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and accurate boundaries of the offset(s), in accordance with the **Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects**, and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed offset(s);
- f. specify the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the offset area(s), with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe;
- commit to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provide timeframes for their achievement;
- h. detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved;
- i. detail a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed offset(s), which must include:

- i. measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset towards the achievement of the ecological benefits;
- ii. trigger values for corrective actions; and
- iii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators;
- j. include an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these;
- k. specify how and at what frequency offset(s) management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the **Department** and the public;
- I. propose corrective actions, if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved;
- m. include links to referenced **plans** and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions), if any; and
- n. justify and specify the period for which the OMP will be implemented.

The approval holder must not **commence operation** until the OMP has been approved by the **Minister** in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved OMP for the period described in the approved OMP.

- 5. If the OMP (required under Condition 4) has not been approved by the **Minister** in writing within 18 months of the date of this approval, and the **Minister** notifies the approval holder that the submitted OMP is not suitable for approval, the **Minister** may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the OMP revised by the **Department**.
- 6. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the **Department** that the offset site(s) required under the approved OMP has/have been acquired and **secured** within 12 months of the OMP approval date. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the **Department** identifying the **legal securing mechanism** by which each offset site will be permanently protected for conservation within 10 **business days** of **securing** the offset.

Note: The approval holder may choose to combine the OMPs required as conditions of approval for other proposed elements of the **Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility**. In this case, the approval holder must clearly demonstrate how the offset requirement(s) for each individual proposed element is being met and identify unique offset area(s) for each approved action geospatially.

Part B – Standard administrative conditions

Notification of date of commencement of the action

- 7. The approval holder must notify the **Department** in writing of the date of **commencement of the action** and the date of **commencement of operation** within 10 **business days** after the date of **commencement of the action** and after the date of **commencement of operation**.
- 8. If the **commencement of the action** does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not **commence the action** without the prior written agreement of the **Minister**.

Compliance records

- 9. The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.
- 10. If the **Department** makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of **compliance records** to the **Department** within the timeframe specified in the request.

Note: **Compliance records** may be subject to audit by the **Department** or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the **EPBC Act**, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the **Department**'s website or through the general media.

Submission and publication of plans

- 11. The approval holder must:
 - a. submit plans electronically to the **Department** for approval by the **Minister**;
 - b. unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the **Minister**, publish each **plan** on the **website** within 20 **business days** of the date:
 - i. of this approval decision if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or
 - ii. the **plan** is approved by the **Minister** if these conditions require that the **plan** be approved by the **Minister**; or
 - iii. the **plan** is approved by the responsible State minister or State authority if the **plan** is required as part of the **SA development approval**.
 - iv. a revised action management plan is submitted to the **Minister** or the **Department** if the **plan** is submitted in accordance with condition 23;
 - c. exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **plans** published on the **website** or provided to a member of the public; and
 - d. keep **plans** published on the **website** until the end date of this approval.
- 12. The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan is prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data, and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plan.

Annual compliance reporting

- 13. The approval holder must prepare a **compliance report** for each 12 month period following the date of **commencement of the action**, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the **Minister**. The approval holder must:
 - a. publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within 60 **business days** following the relevant 12 month period;
 - b. notify the **Department** by email that a **compliance report** has been published on the **website** and provide the weblink for the **compliance report** within 5 **business days** of the date of publication;
 - c. keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;
 - d. exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **compliance reports** published on the **website**; and
 - e. where any **sensitive ecological data** has been excluded from the version published, submit the full **compliance report** to the **Department** within 5 **business days** of publication.

Note: Compliance reports may be published on the Department's website.

Reporting non-compliance

- 14. The approval holder must notify the **Department** in writing of any: **incident**; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in **plans**. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than 2 **business days** after becoming aware of the **incident** or non-compliance. The notification must specify:
 - a. any condition which is or may be in breach;
 - b. a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance; and

- c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the **incident** and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.
- 15. The approval holder must provide to the **Department** the details of any **incident** or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in **plans** as soon as practicable and no later than 10 **business days** after becoming aware of the **incident** or non-compliance, specifying:
 - a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;
 - b. the potential **impacts** of the **incident** or non-compliance; and
 - c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.

Independent audit

- 16. The approval holder must ensure that **independent audits** of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the **Minister**.
- 17. For each **independent audit**, the approval holder must:
 - a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the **Department**;
 - only commence the **independent audit** once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the **Department**; and
 - c. submit an audit report to the **Department** within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.
- 18. The approval holder must publish the audit report on the **website** within 10 **business days** of receiving the **Department's** approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the **website** until the end date of this approval.

Revision of action management plans

- 19. The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.
- 20. The approval holder may choose to revise the action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 3, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.
- 21. If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 20 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:
 - a. notify the **Department** in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the **Department** with:
 - i. an electronic copy of the RAMP;
 - ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;
 - iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;
 - iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**; and

- v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 **business days** after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the **Department**.
- subject to condition 23, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.
- 22. The approval holder may revoke their choice to implement a RAMP under condition 20 at any time by giving written notice to the **Department**. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 20, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 20.
- 23. If the **Minister** gives a notice to the approval holder that the **Minister** is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a **new or increased impact**, then:
 - a. condition 20 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP; and
 - b. the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the **Minister** in the notice.
- 24. At the time of giving the notice under condition 23, the **Minister** may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 20 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.

Note: conditions 20, 21, 22 and 23 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the **EPBC Act** which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the **Minister** for approval.

Completion of the action

25. Within 20 business days after the completion of the action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the **Department** electronically of the date of completion of the action and provide completion data.

Part C - Definitions

In these conditions, except where contrary intention is expressed, the following definitions are used:

Access tracks means the areas enclosed by the dashed blue lines, dashed red lines and dashed green lines and labelled 'existing public road', 'existing private access track' and 'new access track', respectively, on the maps at Attachment D for the purpose of establishing, using and maintaining access and maintenance routes to the overhead transmission line and substation located within the **project area**.

Business day means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.

CEMP means the Construction Environmental Management Plan required under and currently approved in accordance with the requirements of condition 9 of the **SA development approval**.

Clear/Clearing means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation.

Commencement of the action/Commence the action means the first instance of any specified activity associated with the action including clearing and construction. Commencement of the action/Commence the action does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to:

- i. undertake pre-clearance surveys or monitoring programs;
- ii. install signage and /or temporary fencing to prevent unapproved use of the project area;
- iii. protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests, including installation of temporary fencing, and use of existing surface access tracks;

- iv. install temporary site facilities for persons undertaking pre-commencement activities so long as these are located where they have no **impact** on the **protected matters**; or
- v. undertaking geotechnical investigations if it causes only minor physical disturbance and is required well in advance of most site works to inform design.

Commence operation/Commencement of operation means the first instance the transmission line and substation are used for commercial purposes.

Completion data means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met. The **Department**'s chosen spatial data format is **shapefile**.

Completion of the action means the date on which all specified activities associated with the action have permanently ceased.

Compliance records means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.

Compliance report(s) means written reports:

- i. providing accurate and complete details of compliance, **incidents**, and non-compliance with the conditions and the **plans**;
- ii. consistent with the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2014;
- iii. include a **shapefile** of any clearance of any **protected matters**, or their habitat, undertaken within the relevant 12 month period;
- iv. annexing a schedule of all **plans** prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12 month period; and
- v. advising of the identity and current contact details of all persons authorised to act for the approval holder in relation to this approval.

Construct/Construction means the erection of a building or structure that is or is to be fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building or structure; preliminary site preparation work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving); the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work; but excluding the installation of temporary fences and signage.

Department means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the **EPBC Act**.

Environmental Management Plan Guidelines means the *Environmental Management Plan Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2014.

Environmental Offsets Policy means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy, Commonwealth of Australia 2012, or any subsequent official revision produced by the **Department**.

EPBC Act means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility is a renewable energy development located between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia. The **Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility** includes, in addition to the action subject of this approval, the proposed actions described in the **EPBC Act** referrals EPBC 2021/8957, EPBC 2021/8958 and EPBC 2021/8960.

Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects means the *Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects*, Commonwealth of Australia 2021.

Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data means the *Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data*, Commonwealth of Australia 2018.

Impact (verb) means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action.

Incident means any event which has the potential to, or does, impact on one or more **protected matter**.

Independent audit means an audit conducted by an independent and **suitably qualified person** as detailed in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.

Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened ecological community (TEC) Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia (INTG).

INTG TEC Management Plan means the *Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility INTG TEC Management Plan*, EBS Ecology 2022 (version 3 of 28 June 2022 or a subsequent revised version thereof approved by the **Minister** in writing).

Legal securing mechanism means the legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, implemented to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.

Minister means the Australian Government Minister administering the **EPBC Act** including any delegate thereof.

Monitoring data means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval.

New or increased impact means a new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any **protected matter**, when compared to the likely impact of implementing the action management plan that has been approved by the **Minister** under condition 3, including any subsequent revisions approved by the **Minister**, as outlined in the *Guidance on 'new or increased impact'* relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals, Commonwealth of Australia 2017.

Operation means the usage of the transmission line and substation for the purposes of transforming and/or redistributing electric current.

Peep Hill Hop-bush means the EPBC Act listed threatened species Dodonaea subglandulifera.

Plan(s) means any of the documents required to be prepared, approved by the **Minister**, implemented by the approval holder and/or published on the **website** in accordance with these conditions (includes action management plans and/or strategies).

Project area means the location of the action, represented by the area shown enclosed by the orange line labelled 'OTL and Substation Project Area' on the map at Attachment A.

Protected matter(s) means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the **EPBC Act** for which this approval has effect.

SA development approval means the approved development application number 422/V009/20 R1 (or subsequent approved revisions thereof) granted under section 131 (19) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (SA) for the **Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility**.

Secure/secured/securing means to execute a legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.

Sensitive ecological data means data as defined in the *Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and Management Policy V1.0*, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.

Shapefile means location and attribute information of the action provided in an Esri shapefile format. Shapefiles must contain '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files and a '.prj' file that specifies the projection/geographic coordinate system used. Shapefiles must also include an '.xml' metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.

Significant impacts are **impacts** which are important, notable, or of consequence, having regard to their context or intensity, and assessed within the framework of the *Matters of National Environmental Significance – Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1*, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.

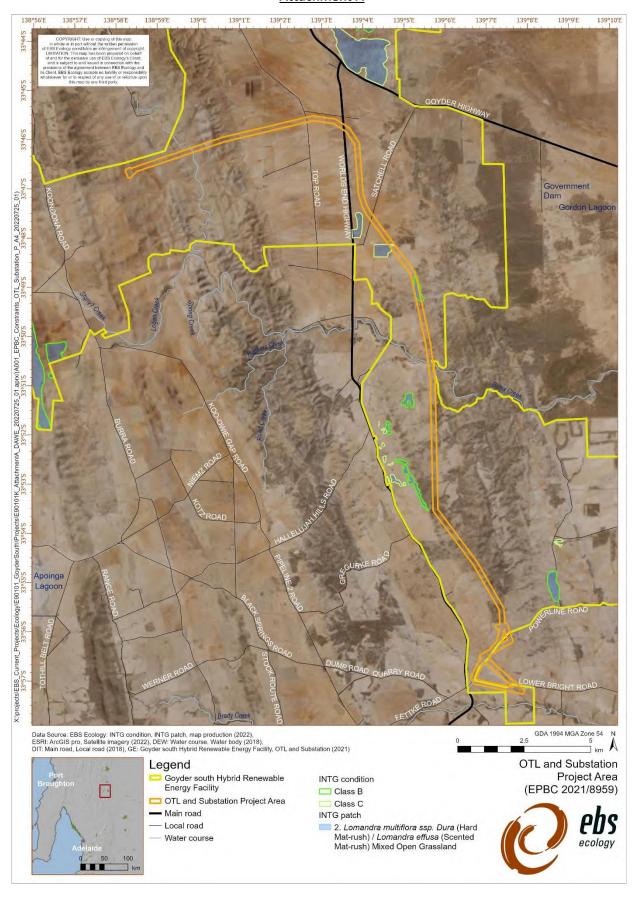
Spiller's Wattle means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species *Acacia spilleriana*.

Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.

Website means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.

ATTACHMENTS

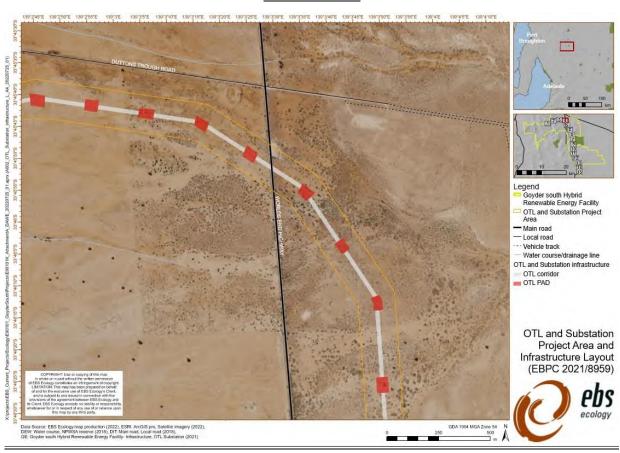
- 1. Attachment A Location of the overhead transmission line and substation infrastructure within the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, and Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland (INTG) of South Australia threatened ecological community occurrences.
 - 1.a. <u>Attachments A1-A15</u> Large scale maps of the area depicted in <u>Attachment A</u>.
- 2. <u>Attachment B</u> Spiller's Wattle known occurrences.
- 3. Attachments C1-C3 Peep Hill Hop-bush known occurrences.
- 4. Attachment D Access tracks associated with the overhead transmission line and substation.
 - 4.a Attachments D1-D3 Large scale maps of the area depicted in Attachment D.



















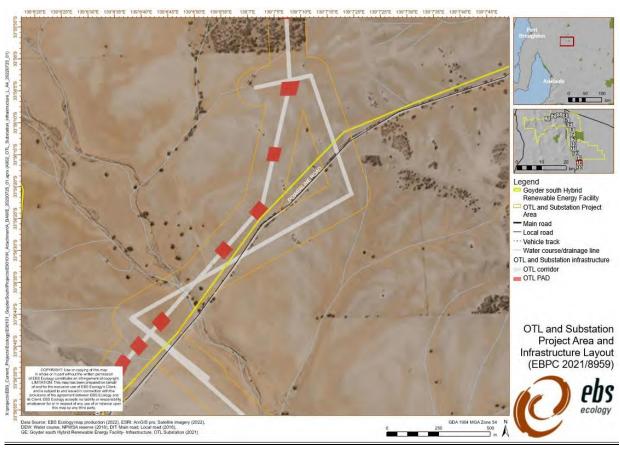


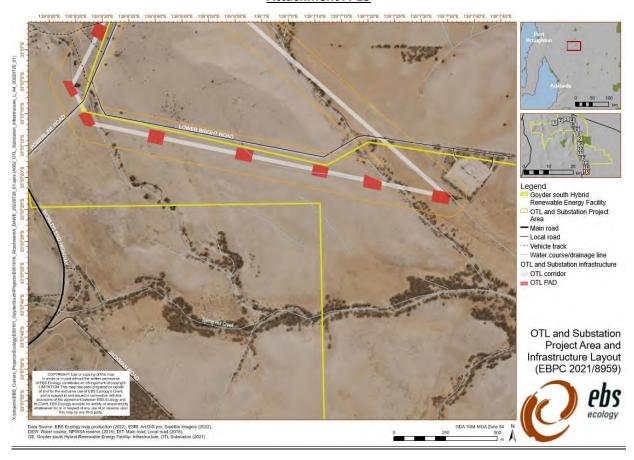












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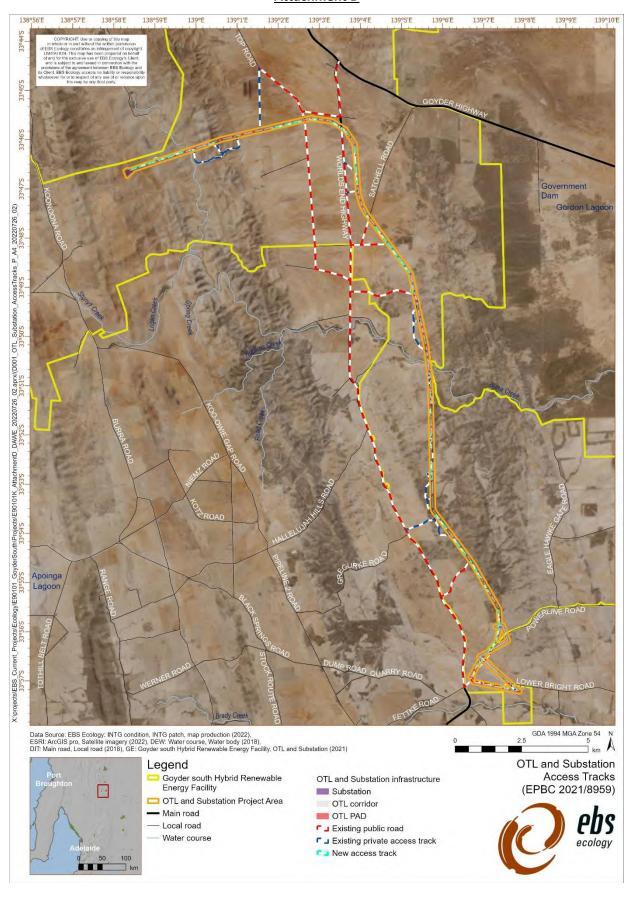


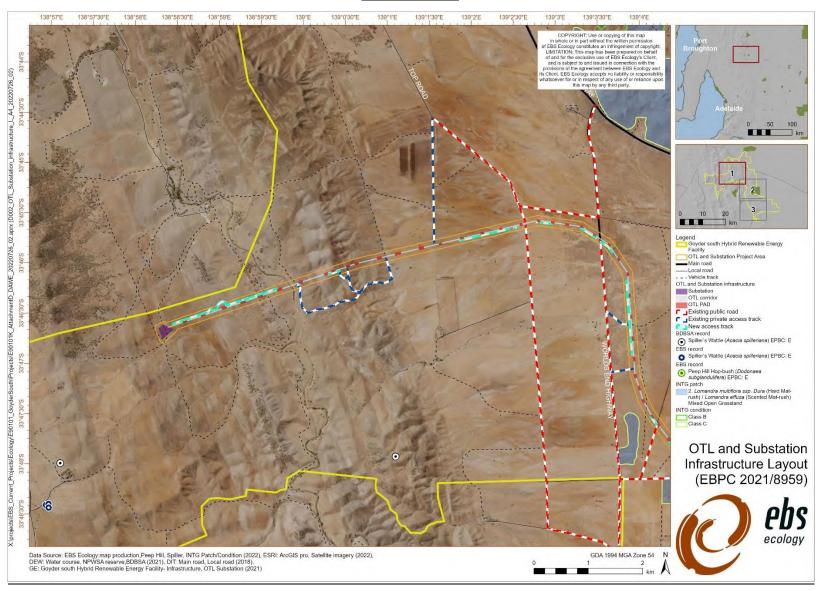


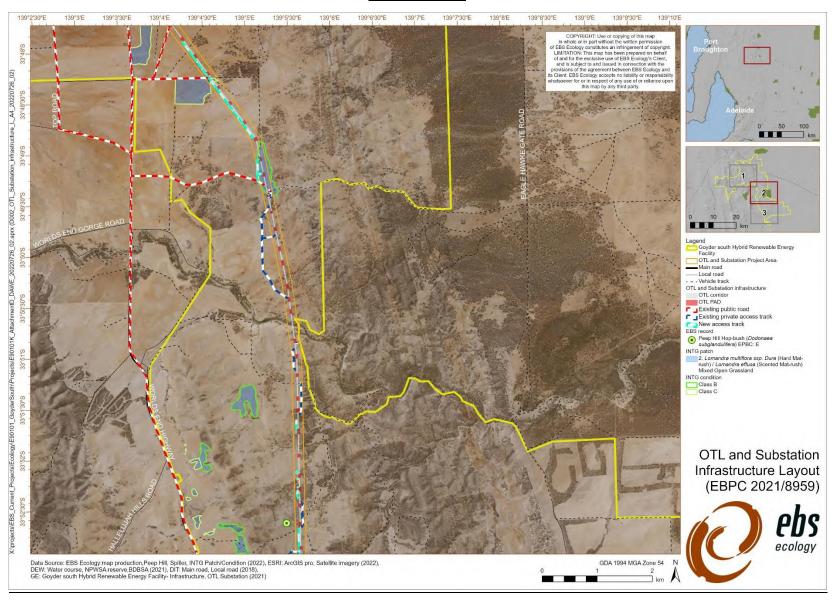


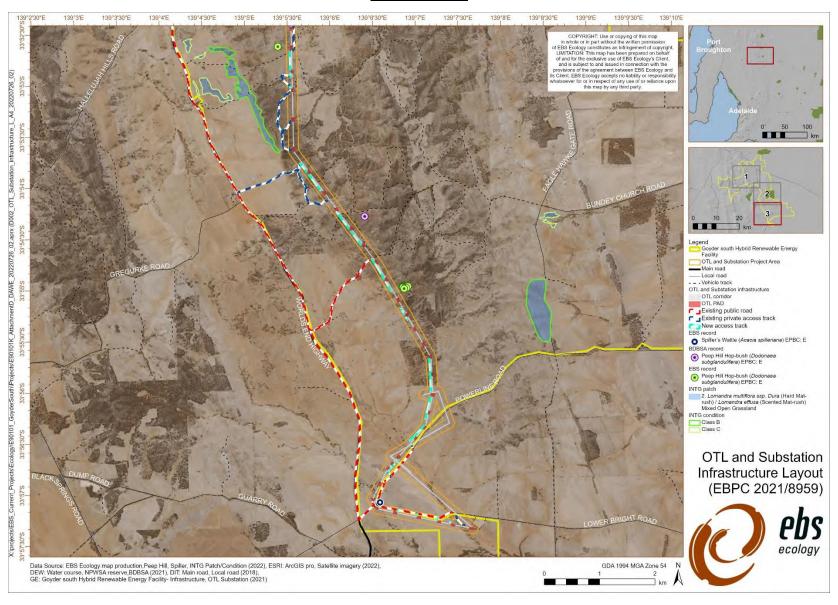


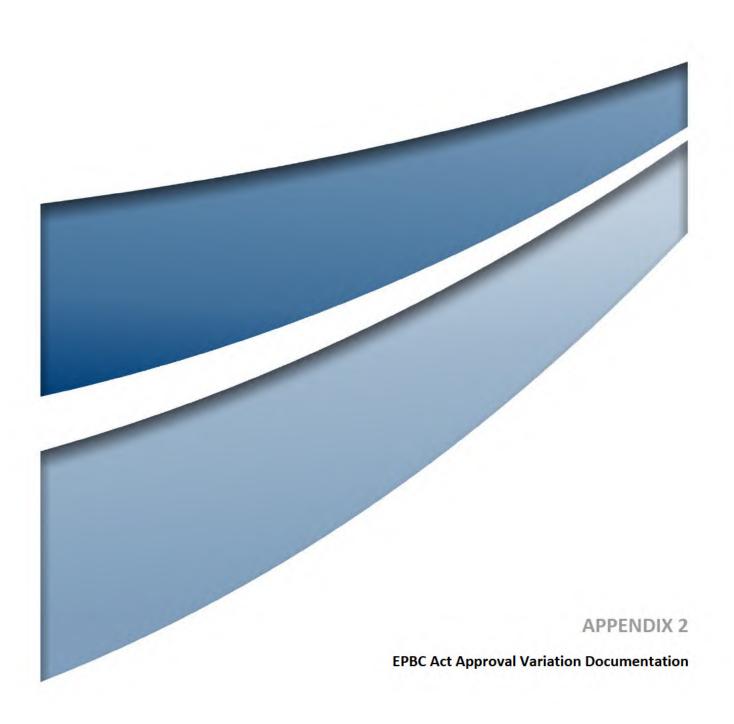
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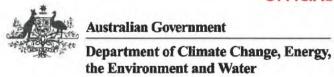












Variation of conditions attached to approval

Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection* and *Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

approval holder	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd
	ACN 649 966 138
approved action	To construct and operate an overhead transmission line and substation within the Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia. [See EPBC Act referral 2021/8959]
Variation	
variation of conditions attached	The variation is:
to approval	Delete conditions 1 and 4, and substitute with the conditions as specified in the table below.
	Add new conditions 1A, 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D as specified in the table below
	Delete definitions of access tracks and project area, and substitute with the definitions as specified in the table below.
	Add new definitions of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat and Senecio species as specified in the table below.
	Delete Attachments A, A1-A15, B, C1-C3, D and D1-D3 attached to the
	approval and substitute with the Attachments A, A1-A15, B1-B3, C1-C3, D and D1-D3 specified in the table below.
	Add new Attachments E1-E2, and F to the approval as specified in the table below.
date of effect	This variation has effect on the date this instrument is signed.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position

Mike Smith
Acting Branch Head
Environment Assessments (Vic, Tas) and Post Approvals Branch

signature

date of decision

[Date] 19.12.22

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval	
	Part A – Conditions specific to the action	
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Impact limits	
	The approval holder must not:	
	 a) clear more than 1.36 hectares (ha) of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the project area; 	
	ab) clear more than 3.88 ha of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat within the project area;	
	ac) translocate and/or relocate or otherwise impact more than 60 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards;	
	 impact any Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species without the Minister's prior approval in writing under condition 1A of this approval; or 	
	c) impact any protected matter, except for what is allowed under conditions 1a, 1ab, 1ac and 1b, within the project area or within access tracks.	
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	1A) Any request by the approval holder to have any impact to protected matters beyond the limit specified at condition 1b of this approval or subsequently granted by the Minister in writing under this condition, must include:	
	 a) details of the proposed increased impact to protected matters (including identification of any Senecio species, and the number and location of individuals proposed to be affected); 	
	 b) details of any avoidance and mitigation measures to minimise impacts, including details of monitoring to verify their effectiveness (e.g. post-translocation success); 	
	 details, with relevant supporting evidence, of any residual significant impact to protected matters; and 	
	d) a commitment to submit, within 28 business days of the Minister granting approval of such a request, a version of the Offset Management Plan revised to specify how the approval holder will compensate for any residual significant impact to protected matters informed by monitoring following implementation of any avoidance and mitigation measures detailed in condition 1Ab of this approval.	
Original dated	Environmental management plans	
28/07/2022	To minimise impacts to protected matters during construction and operation, the approval holder must implement the CEMP.	

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval	
Original dated 28/07/2022	 For the protection of the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, the approval holder must implement the INTG TEC Management Plan for the duration of this approval. 	
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3A) The approval holder must submit a PBTL Management Plan for the Minister's approval. If the Minister approves the PBTL Management Plan, then the approval holder must implement the PBTL Management Plan approved by the Minister.	
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3B) The approval holder must not commence operation unless the PBTL Management Plan has been approved by the Minister in writing.	
As varied on the date this instrument	3C) The implementation of the PBTL Management Plan must achieve the following environmental objectives:	
was signed	 a) avoid, mitigate and rehabilitate impacts of the action on pygmy blue- tongue lizard and pygmy blue-tongue lizard habitat; and 	
	 impacts of the Action to Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue- tongue Lizard habitat do not exceed those specified at condition 1 of this approval. 	
As varied on the date this instrument	3D) The PBTL Management Plan must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, and must include:	
was signed	 a) details of the relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers. 	
	 a table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan. 	
	c) commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental objectives are achieved, including details of the methods for planning, undertaking and monitoring the outcomes of any proposed relocation and/or translocation of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards, which must be consistent with the South Australian government Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild and Release Protected Animals to the Wild for conservation purposes (Permit number: T40145).	
	 reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan. 	
	 e) an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental objectives and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks. 	

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
	 f) impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures.
	g) a monitoring program, which must include:
	i) measurable performance indicators
	ii) trigger values for corrective actions
	 iii) the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and
	iv) proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached.
Original dated	Environmental offsets
28/07/2022	Offset Management Plan
	4. To compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, and any other protected matters, the approval holder must submit to the Department for the Minister's approval an Offset Management Plan (OMP) within 6 months of the date of this approval.
	The OMP must:
	a) be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines
	b) include a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers;
	 c) include summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, and any other protected matters, that will be compensated for by the offset(s);
	d) identify a suitable environmental offset(s) to compensate for residua significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, and any other protected matters, which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister;
	e) include the size of the proposed offset(s) in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and accurate boundaries of the offset(s), in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed offset(s);
	f) specify the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the offset area(s), with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe;

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval	
	g) commit to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provide timeframes for their achievement;	
	 detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefit will be maintained once achieved; 	
	 i) detail a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed offset(s), which must include: 	
	 i) measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset towards the achievement of the ecological benefits; 	
	ii) trigger values for corrective actions; and	
	iii) the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators;	
	j) include an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these;	
	 specify how and at what frequency offset(s) management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public; 	
	 propose corrective actions, if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved; 	
	m) include links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions), if any; and	
	n) justify and specify the period for which the OMP will be implemented	
	The approval holder must not commence operation until the OMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved OMP for the period described in the approved OMP.	
Original dated 28/07/2022	5. If the OMP (required under Condition 4) has not been approved by the Minister in writing within 18 months of the date of this approval, and the Minister notifies the approval holder that the submitted OMP is not suitable for approval, the Minister may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the OMP revised by the Department.	
Original dated 28/07/2022	6. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department that the offset site(s) required under the approved OMP has/have been acquired and secured within 12 months of the OMP approval date. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department identifying the legal securing mechanism by which each offset site will be	

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval	
	permanently protected for conservation within 10 business days of securing the offset.	
	Note: The approval holder may choose to combine the OMPs required as conditions of approval for other proposed elements of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility. In this case the approval holder must clearly demonstrate how the offset requirement(s) for each individual proposed element is being met and identify unique offset area(s) for each approved action geospatially.	
	Part B – Standard administrative conditions	
Original dated	Notification of date of commencement of the action	
28/07/2022	7. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement of the action and the date of commencement of operation within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action and after the date of commencement of operation.	
Original dated 28/07/2022	 If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister. 	
Original dated	Compliance records	
28/07/2022	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	
Original dated	10. If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must	
28/07/2022	provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department	
	within the timeframe specified in the request. Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the Department's website or through the general media.	
Original dated	Submission and publication of plans	
28/07/2022	11. The approval holder must:	
	 a) submit plans electronically to the Department for approval by the Minister; 	
	b) unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of the date:	
	 i) of this approval decision if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or 	
	ii) the plan is approved by the Minister if these conditions require that the plan be approved by the Minister ; or	

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval	
	 iii) the plan is approved by the responsible State minister or State authority if the plan is required as part of the SA development approval. 	
	 iv) a revised action management plan is submitted to the Minister or the Department if the plan is submitted in accordance with condition 23; 	
	 exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public; and 	
	 d) keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval. 	
Original dated 28/07/2022	12. The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan is prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data, and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plan.	
Original	Annual compliance reporting	
dated 28/07/2022	13. The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:	
	 a) publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period; 	
	 notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within 5 business days of the date of publication; 	
	 keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires; 	
	d) exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website; and	
	e) where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the. Department within 5 business days of publication.	

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	Reporting non-compliance 14. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of any: incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than 2 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify: a) any condition which is or may be in breach; b) a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance; and c) the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.
Original dated 28/07/2022	 15. The approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying: a) any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future; b) the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and c) the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Independent audit 16. The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted when requested in writing by the Minister.
Original dated 28/07/2022	 17. For each independent audit, the approval holder must: a) provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department; b) only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department; and c) submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.
Original dated 28/07/2022	18. The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	Revision of action management plans 19. The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.
Original dated 28/07/2022	20. The approval holder may choose to revise the action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 3, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.
Original dated 28/07/2022	 21. If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 20 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must: a) notify the Department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the Department with:
	i) an electronic copy of the RAMP;
	ii) an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;
	iii) an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;
	 iv) the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact; and
	v) written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the Department.
	 subject to condition 23, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.

Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	22. The approval holder may revoke their choice to implement a RAMP under condition 20 at any time by giving written notice to the Department . If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 20, the holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken approval under condition 20.
Original dated 28/07/2022	23. If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:
	 a) condition 20 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP; and
	the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice
Original dated 28/07/2022	24. At the time of giving the notice under condition 23, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 20 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.
	Note: conditions 20, 21, 22 and 23 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the Minister for approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Completion of the action
	25. Within 20 business days after the completion of the action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the Department electronically of the date of completion of the action and provide completion data.

Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
	Part C - Definitions
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Access tracks means the areas enclosed by the dashed blue lines, dashed red lines and dashed green lines and labelled 'existing public road', 'existing private access track' and 'new access track', respectively, on the maps at Attachments D and D1-D3 for the purpose of establishing, using and maintaining access and maintenance routes to the overhead transmission line and substation located within the project area.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Business day means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.
Original dated 28/07/2022	CEMP means the Construction Environmental Management Plan required under and currently approved in accordance with the requirements of condition 9 of the SA development approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Clear/Clearing means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Commencement of the action/Commence the action means the first instance of any specified activity associated with the action including clearing and construction. Commencement of the action/Commence the action does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to:
	a) undertake pre-clearance surveys or monitoring programs;
	 install signage and /or temporary fencing to prevent unapproved use of the project area;
	 c) protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests, including installation of temporary fencing, and use of existing surface access tracks;
	 d) install temporary site facilities for persons undertaking pre- commencement activities so long as these are located where they have no impact on the protected matters; or
	 e) undertaking geotechnical investigations if it causes only minor physical disturbance and is required well in advance of most site works to inform design.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Commence operation/Commencement of operation means the first instance the transmission line and substation are used for commercial purposes.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Completion data means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met. The Department's chosen spatial data format is shapefile.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Completion of the action means the date on which all specified activities associated with the action have permanently ceased.

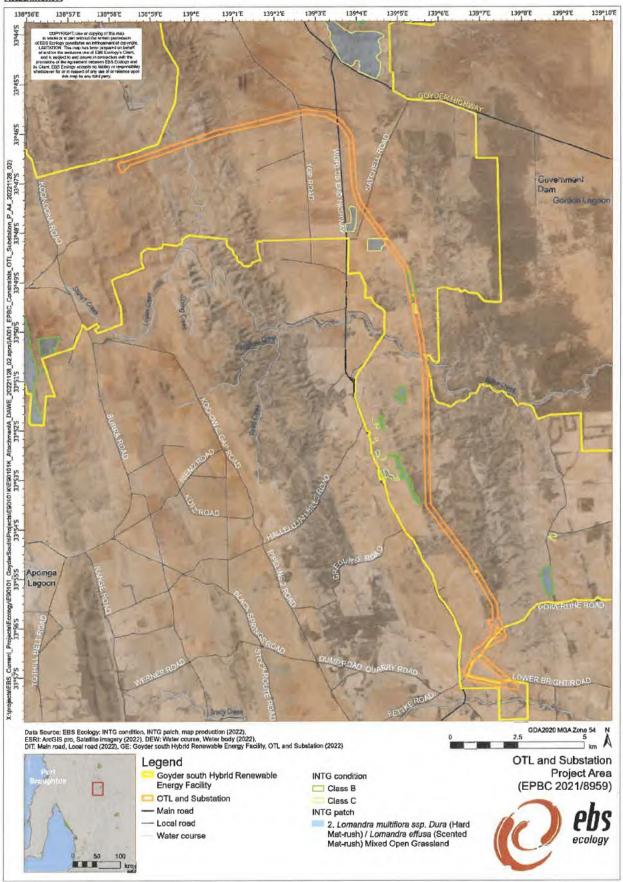
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Original dated 28/07/2022	Compliance records means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.
Original dated	Compliance report(s) means written reports:
28/07/2022	 a) providing accurate and complete details of compliance, incidents, and non-compliance with the conditions and the plans;
	b) consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2014;
	 include a shapefile of any clearance of any protected matters, or their habitat, undertaken within the relevant 12 month period;
	 annexing a schedule of all plans prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12 month period; and
	e) advising of the identity and current contact details of all persons authorised to act for the approval holder in relation to this approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Construct/Construction means the erection of a building or structure that is or is to be fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building or structure; preliminary site preparation work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving); the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work; but excluding the installation of temporary fences and signage.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Department means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the EPBC Act.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Environmental Management Plan Guidelines means the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2014.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Environmental Offsets Policy means the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy, Commonwealth of Australia 2012, or any subsequent official revision produced by the Department.
Original dated 28/07/2022	EPBC Act means the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth).
Original dated 28/07/2022	Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility is a renewable energy development located between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia. The Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility includes, in addition to the action subject of this approval, the proposed actions described in the EPBC Act referrals EPBC 2021/8957, EPBC 2021/8958 and EPBC 2021/8960.

Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects means the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data means the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Impact (verb) means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Incident means any event which has the potential to, or does, impact on one or more protected matter.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Independent audit means an audit conducted by an independent and suitably qualified person as detailed in the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC means the EPBC Act listed threatened ecological community (TEC) Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia (INTG).
Original dated 28/07/2022	INTG TEC Management Plan means the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility INTG TEC Management Plan, EBS Ecology 2022 (version 3 of 28 June 2022 or a subsequent revised version thereof approved by the Minister in writing).
Original dated 28/07/2022	Legal securing mechanism means the legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, implemented to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Minister means the Australian Government Minister administering the EPBC Act including any delegate thereof.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Monitoring data means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	New or increased impact means a new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any protected matter, when compared to the likely impact of implementing the action management plan that has been approved by the Minister under condition 3, including any subsequent revisions approved by the Minister, as outlined in the Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals, Commonwealth of Australia 2017.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Operation means the usage of the transmission line and substation for the purposes of transforming and/or redistributing electric current.

Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	Peep Hill Hop-bush means the EPBC Act listed threatened species Dodonaea subglandulifera.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Plan(s) means any of the documents required to be prepared, approved by the Minister, implemented by the approval holder and/or published on the website in accordance with these conditions (includes action management plans and/or strategies).
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Project area means the location of the action, represented by the area shown enclosed by the orange line labelled 'OTL and Substation Project Area' on the map at <u>Attachment A</u> and the maps at <u>Attachments A1-A15</u> .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Protected matter(s) means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard means the EPBC Act listed threatened species Tiliqua adelaidensis.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat means remnant native grassland and grassy woodland with a sparse overstorey of trees, including but not limited to the areas represented on the map at <u>Attachment F</u> as shown:
	 a) Shaded in dark green and enclosed by a light green line and labelled as 'PBTL habitat Likely'; and
	 b) Shaded in light green and enclosed by a dark green line and labelled as 'PBTL habitat Potential'.
Original dated 28/07/2022	SA development approval means the approved development application number 422/V009/20 R1 (or subsequent approved revisions thereof) granted under section 131 (19) of the <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i> (SA) for the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Secure/secured/securing means to execute a legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Senecio species means any plant of the Senecio genus which, subject to identification at the species level, may be an EPBC Act listed threatened species (which includes Senecio macrocarpus (Large-fruit Fireweed) and Senecio megaglossus (Superb Groundsel))
Original dated 28/07/2022	Sensitive ecological data means data as defined in the Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and Management Policy V1.0, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Shapefile means location and attribute information of the action provided in an Esri shapefile format. Shapefiles must contain '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files and a '.prj' file that specifies the projection/geographic coordinate system used. Shapefiles

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	must also include an '.xml' metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Significant impacts are impacts which are important, notable, or of consequence, having regard to their context or intensity, and assessed within the framework of the Matters of National Environmental Significance—Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Spiller's Wattle means the EPBC Act listed threatened species Acacia spilleriana.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Website means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.

Date of decision	Attachments
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	1) Attachment A – Location of the overhead transmission line and substation infrastructure within the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, and Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland (INTG) of South Australia threatened ecological community occurrences. a) Attachments A1-A15 – Large scale maps of the area depicted in Attachment A.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	2) Attachment B1-B3 — Spiller's Wattle known occurrences.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3) Attachments C1-C3 – Peep Hill Hop-bush known occurrences.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	4) Attachment D – Access tracks associated with the overhead transmission line and substation. a) Attachments D1-D3 – Large scale maps of the area depicted in Attachment D.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	5) Attachment E1-E2 — Senecio species known occurrences.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Attachments F – Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard known occurrences and habitat.



Attachment A1





Attachment A3



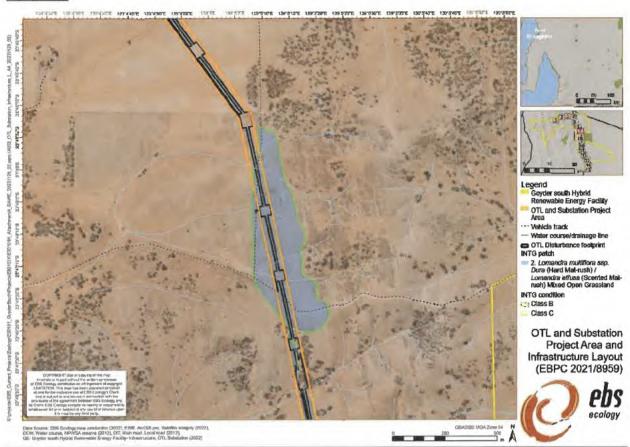


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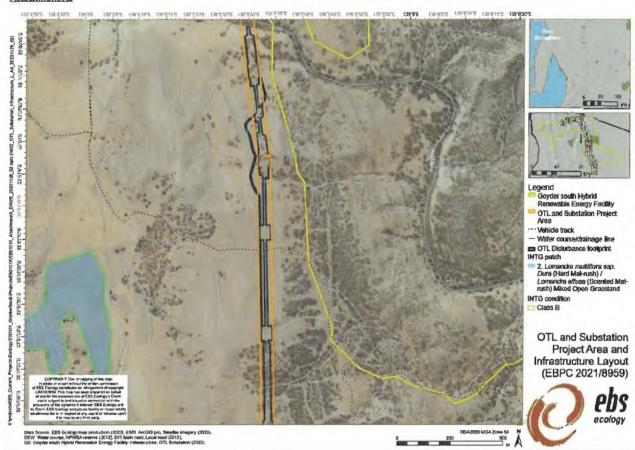


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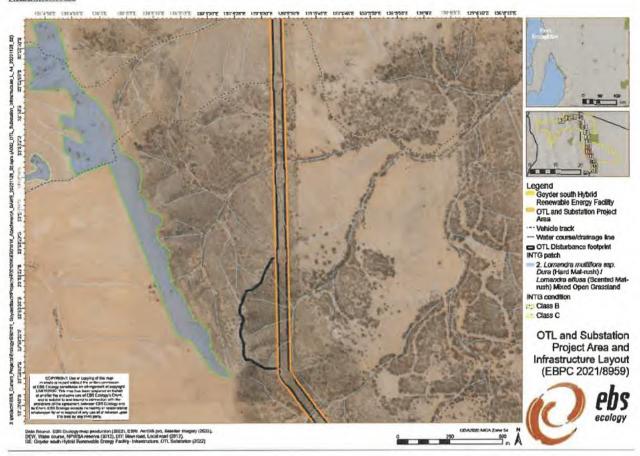


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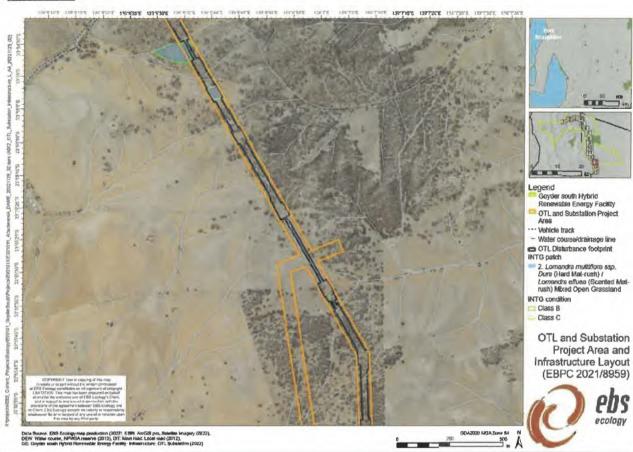


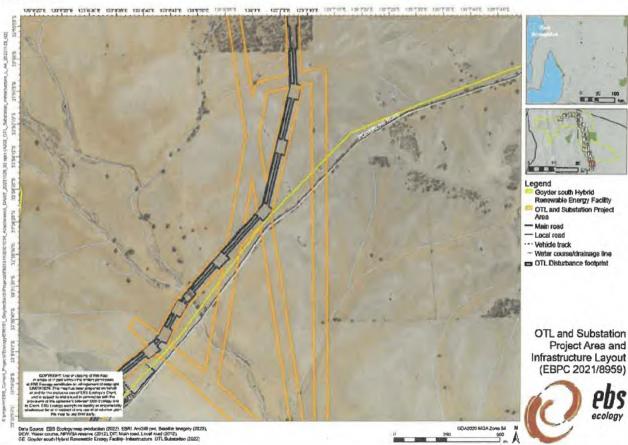
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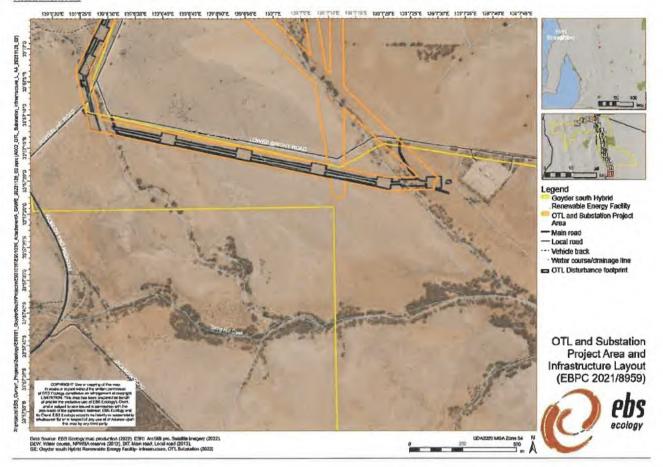




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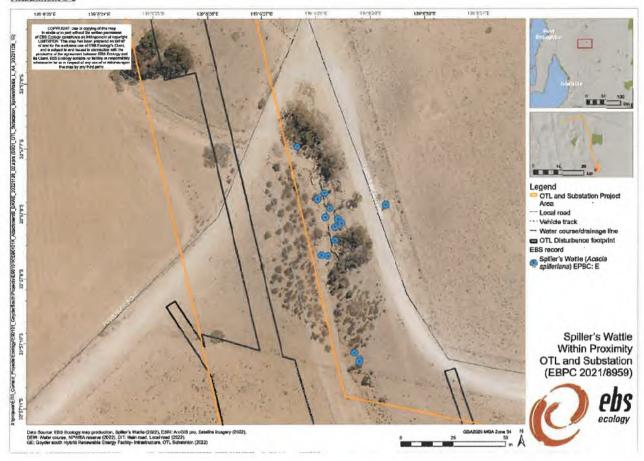
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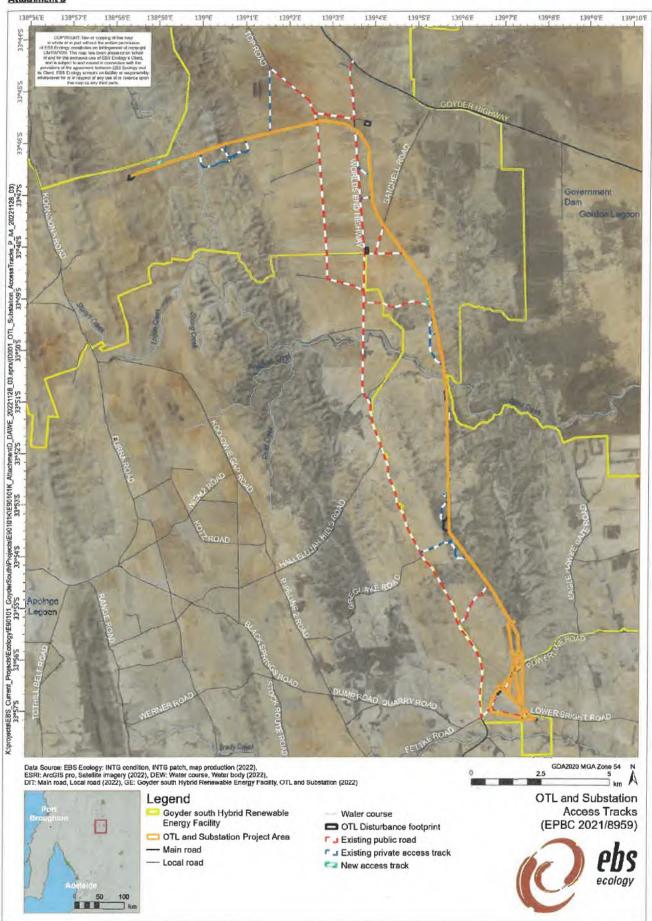


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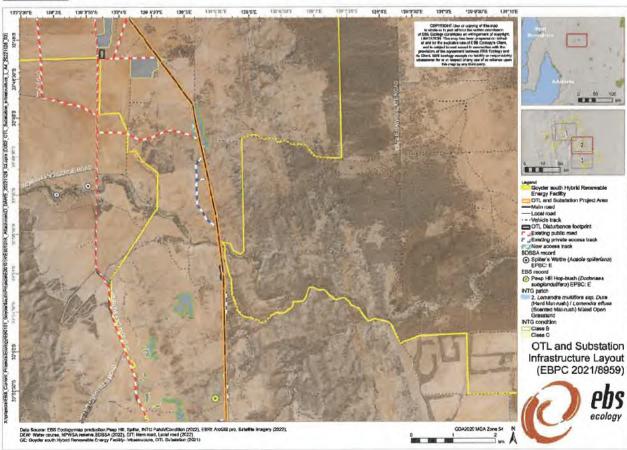




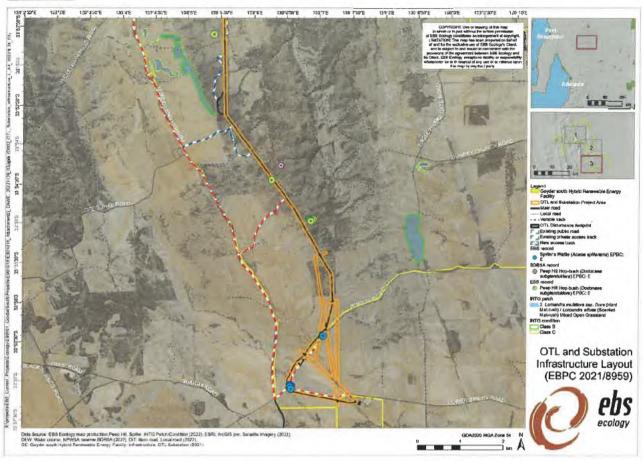
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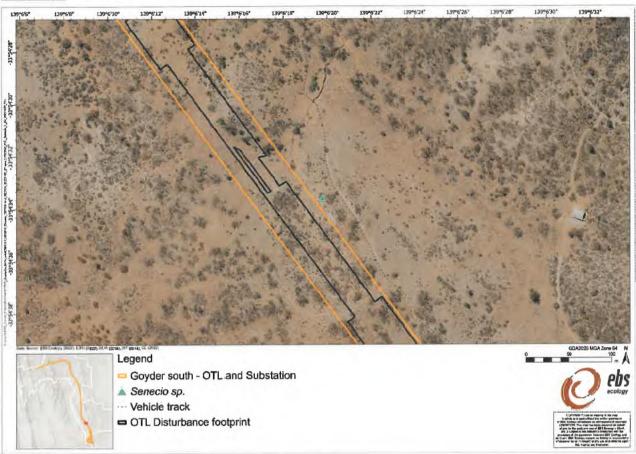
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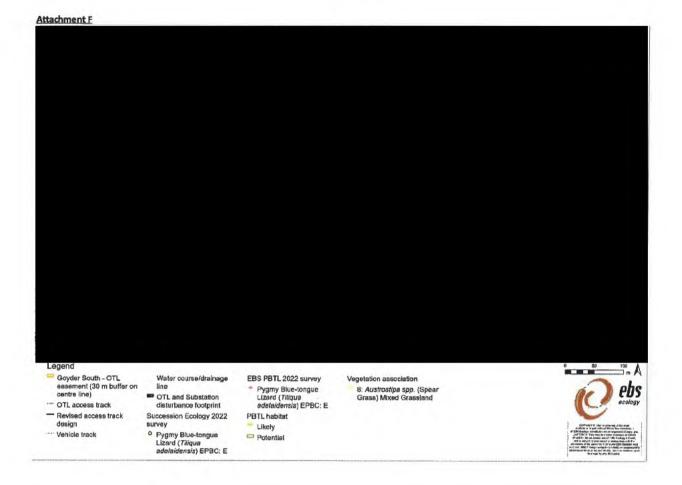


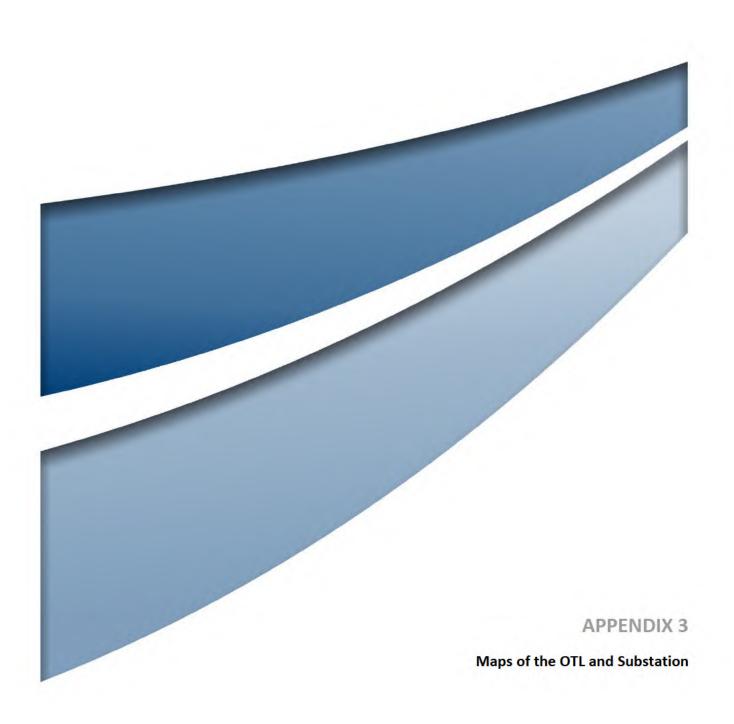
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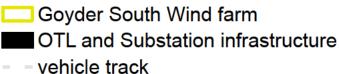
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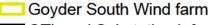


Water course

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- OTL and Substation infrastructure
- vehicle track
- Water course

PBTL Records

- Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard (*Tiliqua* adelaidensis) EPBC: E (2023)
 - Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard (Tiliqua
- adelaidensis) EPBC: E (2023: Succession Ecology)
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PBTL Relocation

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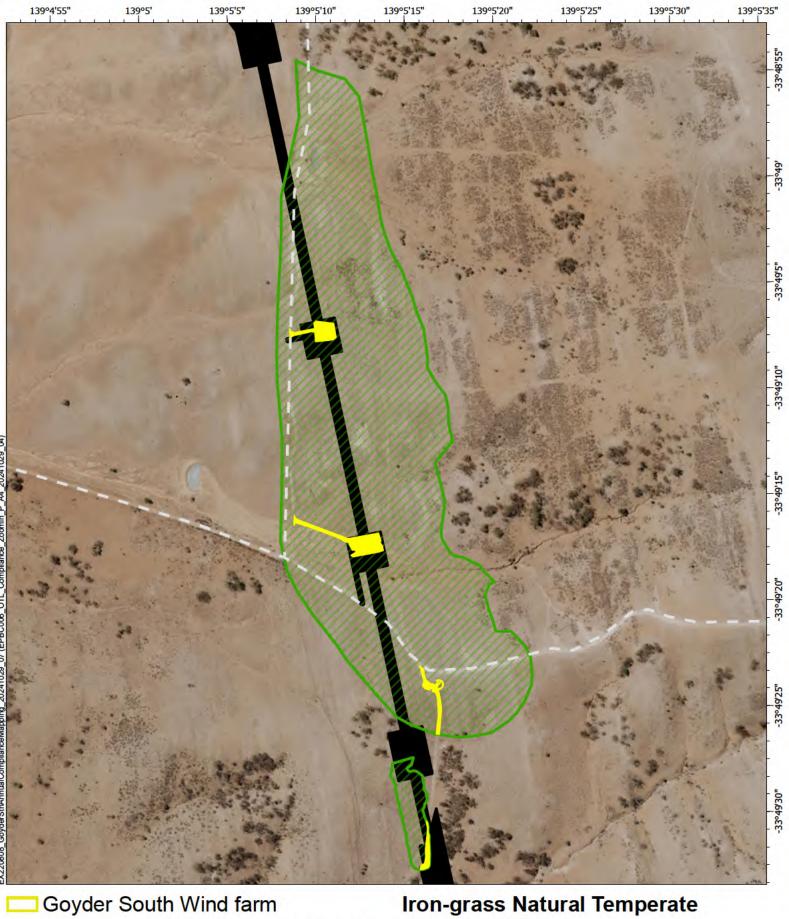
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- OTL and Substation infrastructure (17/09/2024)
 - vehicle track
- Water body

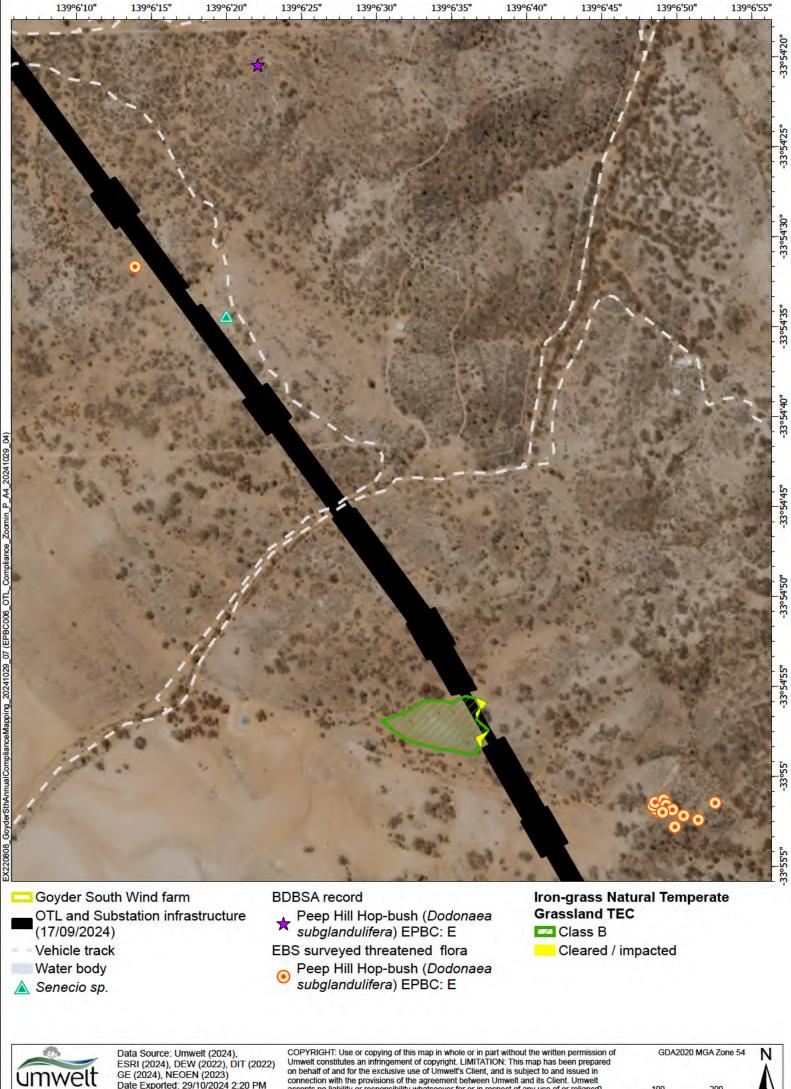
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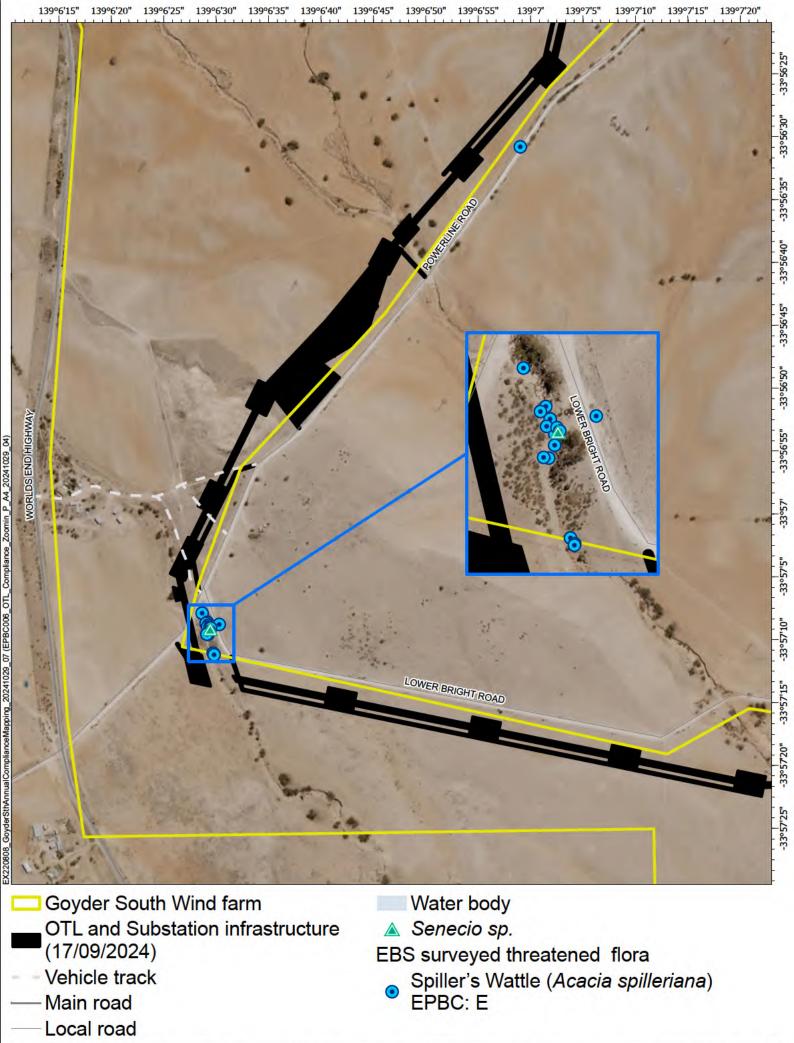
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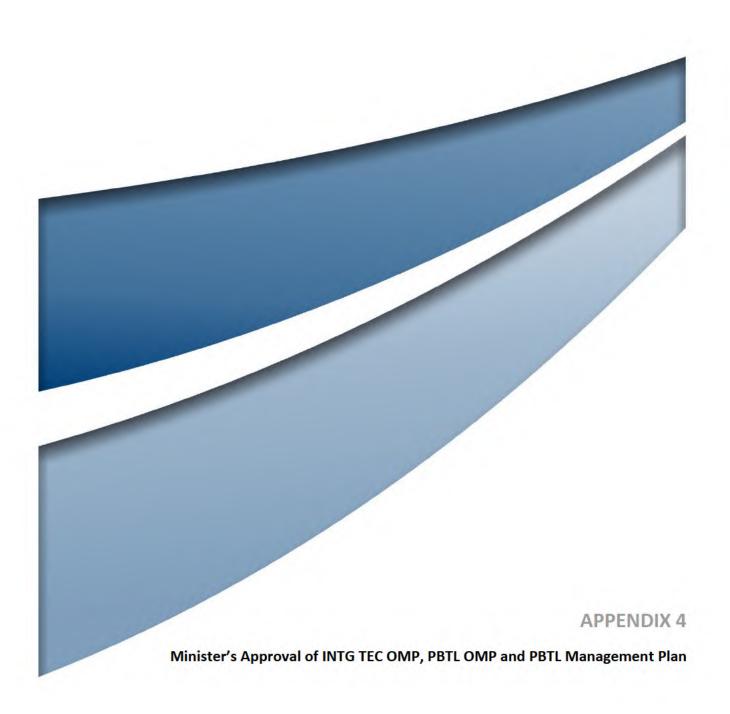


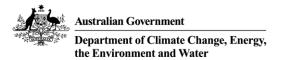


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Ms Inès Béchameil Project Manager - Australia Neoen Australia Pty Ltd ines.bechameil@neoen.com

Approval of Management Plans and Offset Management Plans for: Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility - Wind Farm 1B, 5km south Burra SA (EPBC 2021/8957); Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility - Wind Farm 1A, 10km south Burra SA (EPBC 2021/8958); and Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility - OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959)

Dear Ms Béchameil

Thank you for your correspondence on 12 June 2023 and for correspondence via Ralph Mitchell on 22 September 2023 and 16 November 2023 to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, seeking approval of Management Plans and Offset Management Plans, in accordance with conditions of approvals for 2021/8957, 2021/8958 and 2021/8959 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Officers of the department have advised me on the Management Plans and Offset Management Plans and the requirements of the conditions of the approval for these projects. On this basis, and as a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water (the Minister), I have decided to approve the:

- Pygmy Blue-tongue lizard Offset Management Plan, Version 5, dated 29 September 2023, in accordance with Condition 5 of the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8957, Condition 6 of the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8958 and Condition 4 of the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8959;
- Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia Offset Management Plan, Version 5, dated 29 September 2023 in accordance with Condition 6 of the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8958 and Condition 4 of the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8959; and
- Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Management Plan, Version 5, dated 30 November 2023, in accordance
 with Condition 3 of the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8959, and in accordance with the
 requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act, as meeting the requirements for Condition 3 of
 the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8957 and Condition 3 of the approval for EPBC Ref 2021/8958

These plans must now be implemented.

As you are aware, the department has an active monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desk top document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval so that they can be made available to the department on request.

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Should you require any further information please contact Tony Dowd by email either to Tony.Dowd@dcceew.gov.au or to PostApproval@dcceew.gov.au.

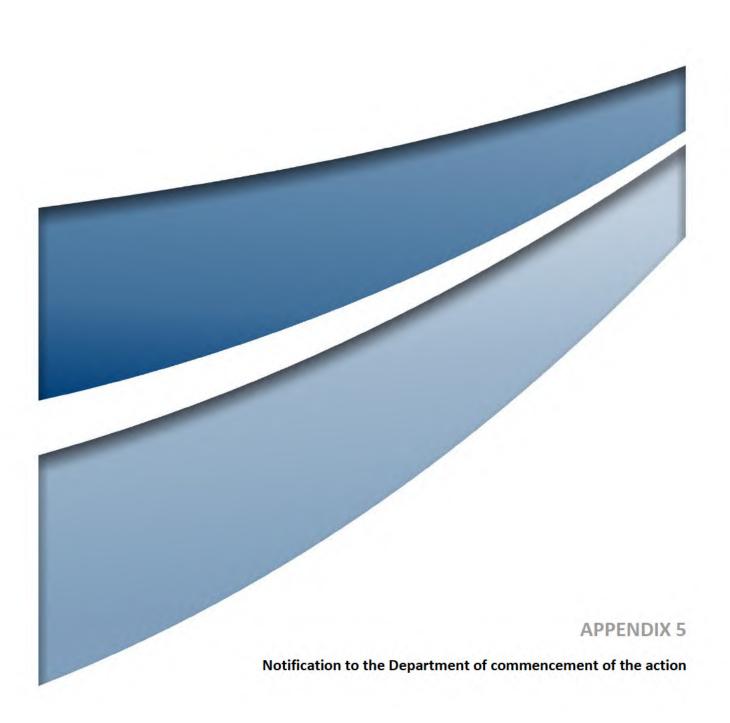
Yours sincerely

Brendan Linton-Smith

A/g Branch Head

Environment Assessments (Vic and Tas) and Post Approvals

29/1/2024



Ref: EPBC 2021/8959

Email: epbcmonitoring@environment.gov.au

Inès Béchameil Project Manager – Australia Neoen Level 21 570 George Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Inès.

Commencement of the Action – Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA, EPBC 2021/8959

I refer to your email on 12 September 2022 on behalf of Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd notifying the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department) of commencement of the action for Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA in accordance with condition 7 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act) EPBC 2021/8959 approval.

I note that the action commenced on 5 September 2022.

Condition 13 - Annual Compliance Reporting

Condition 13 of the approval states that the approval holder must prepare an Annual Compliance Report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action. The approval holder must continue to publish each report and notify the department of publication until the expiry of the approval on 31 December 2057. The reports must be published within 60 Business Days of every 12 month anniversary of commencement. Documentary evidence providing the date of publication must be provided to the department within 5 business days the report is published.

Please notify the department of publication of the reports within 5 business days by email, including the link to where the report is publicly available to epbcmonitoring@environment.gov.au. Please note the first Annual Compliance Report is due to the department by 29 November 2023.

When preparing the report please refer to the department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines available on the department's website at http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/annual-compliance-report-guidelines

Please note that the conditions of approval require the approval holder to maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the approval conditions so that they can be made available to the department on request. These documents may be subject to audit and be used to verify compliance. Summaries of audits may be published by the department.

More information about the department's Monitoring and Audit program is available on the department's website at http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/compliance-and-enforcement/auditing.

Section 142 of the Act requires an approval holder to comply with conditions attached to an approval. Penalties may apply to approval holders who contravene conditions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Olivia Moore at epbcmonitoring@environment.gov.au.

Delivering a publicly accessible national environmental offsets database

Throughout 2021 and 2022, the department has made significant progress on improving systems and processes for environmental offsets including the development of the National Environmental Offsets System (NEOS). NEOS will display details of offsets required under EPBC Act approval conditions, bringing together key information about approved offsets including where they are located, and what matters of national environmental significant are protected. NEOS will be a publicly available searchable register enabling our regulated community as well as departmental officers to accurately identify offset location and assist in making informed decisions about offsets. The first stage of NEOS is planned for release in December 2022. If you would like more information about NEOS, please contact the department at epbcmonitoring@environment.gov.au.

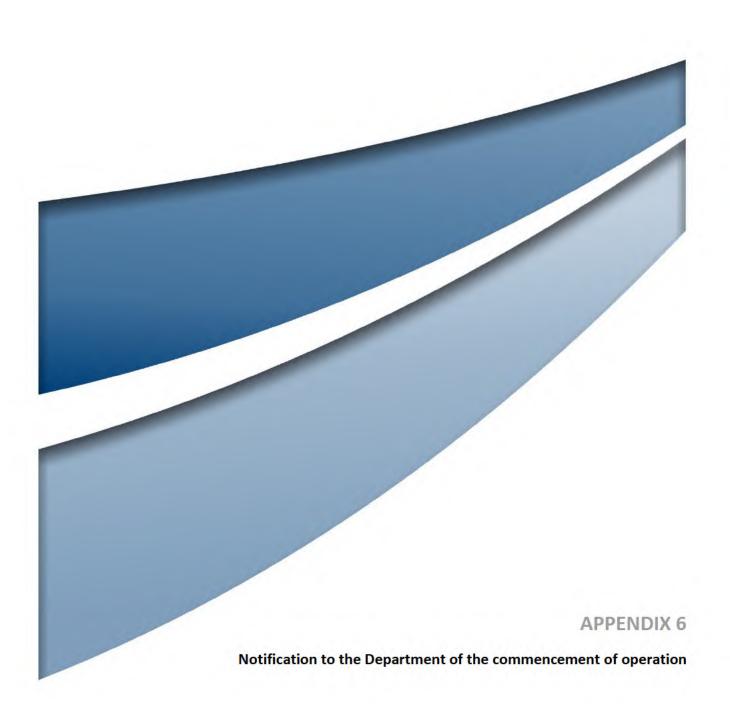
Yours sincerely,

Thomas Long

Assistant Director

Environmental Audit Section

12 October 2022



From: Ralph Mitchell

Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2024 1:35 PM

To: EPBC Monitoring < epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au >

Cc: Inès Béchameil < ines.bechameil@neoen.com>

Subject: Goyder Wind Farm OTL & Substation Commissioning Commencement

Dear EPBC Team Member,

Please be advised that in accordance with condition 7 of EPBC Approval 2021/8959, commencement of operation of the OTL & Substation occurred 4/4/2024.

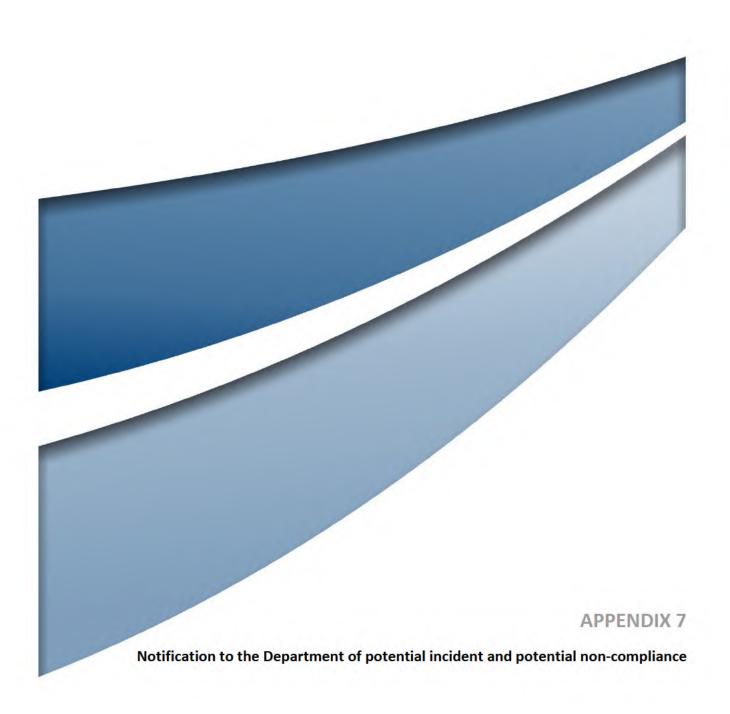
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Attention: Compliance Monitoring Team

By email: EPBCMonitoring@dcceew.gov.au

16 April 2024

Notice of Potential Incident and Potential Non-compliance – EPBC 2021/8959 – Common Assets OTL and Substation

Dear Compliance Monitoring Team,

This notification is made pursuant to Condition 14 of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), dated 28 July 2022 (**EPBC Approval**) and Variation of conditions on 19 December 2022 (**EPBC Variation**).

Capitalised terms used in this notice but not defined have the meaning given in the EPBC Approval.

On Friday, 12 April 2024 we, the approval holder, were informed by our Environmental Consultant EBS Ecology (**EBS**), of a potential incident where a civil subcontractor on the project appears to have disturbed PBTL Habitat of likely 0.022ha outside of the OTL and Substation disturbance footprint (approximate coordinates being Latitude -33.778694, Longitude 138.972459).

This potential incident was raised by EBS following a routine environmental audit, where compliance with the EPBC Approval was reviewed. At this stage, we believe that there was no non-compliance with the conditions of the Approval but that there was a non-compliance with the commitments made in the CEMP and the PBTL Management Plan that led to this potential incident.

The detailed investigation of this incident is ongoing with the support of EBS and our contractor. Neoen is planning to submit further details to the Department as per Condition 15 of the EPBC Approval and by Monday, 29 April 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information in relation to this matter. We welcome any questions the Department may have regarding this incident.



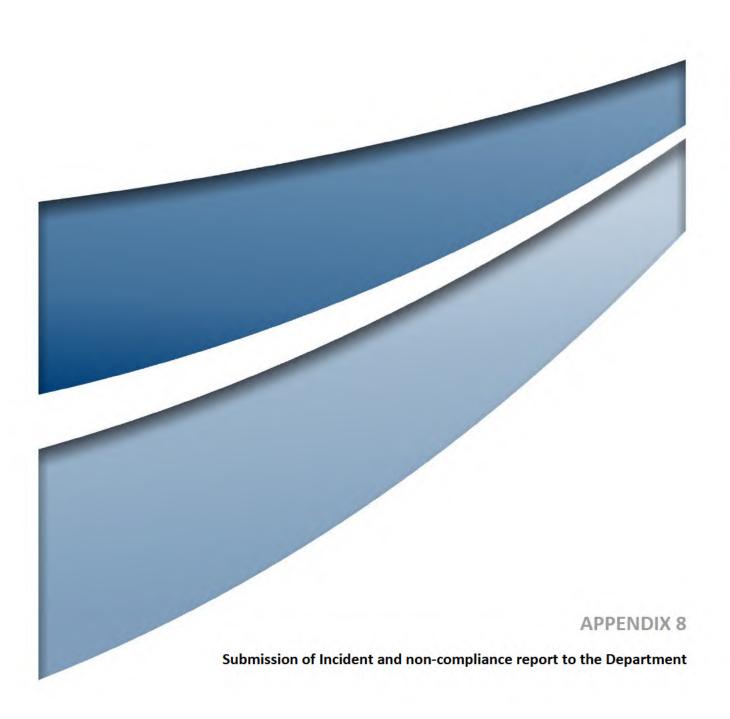
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29 April 2024

Notice of Potential Incident - OTL and Substation - EPBC 2021/8959

Dear Compliance Monitoring Team,

We refer to:

- the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), dated 28 July 2022 (EPBC Approval) and Variation of conditions on 19 December 2022 (EPBC Variation);
- our initial notice made pursuant to Condition 14 of the EPBC Approval entitled 'Notice of Potential Incident and Potential Non-compliance – EPBC 2021/8959 – Common Assets OTL and Substation' dated 16 April 2024 (Initial Notice).

This notification is made pursuant to Condition 15 of the EPBC Approval.

Capitalised terms used in this notice but not defined have the meaning given in the EPBC Approval.

As outlined in the Initial Notice, in respect to the Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset component of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, on 12 April 2024, we, the approval holder, were informed by our environmental consultant, EBS Ecology (EBS), of a potential incident, where a civil subcontractor on the project appears to have disturbed PBTL Habitat of 0.022ha outside of the OTL and Substation disturbance footprint (approximate coordinates being Latitude -33.778694, Longitude 138.972459).

Since the original notification by EBS and since the Initial Notice, detailed investigations have been carried out by our contractor, Elecnor, in consultation with EBS. The findings of these investigations can be found in the Elecnor Report contained in Annexure A.



Neoen notes that the investigation has identified that the impact of the incidents to the PBTL habitat has been minimal.

Incident:

On or before Friday 5 April 2024, SGP Civil, under the direction of Elecnor Supervision were tasked with excavating the area for the Substation Soakage Pit at the south-eastern corner of the Substation.

Whilst conducting an environmental audit, EBS discovered machinery tracking on uncleared PBTL habitat and on two flagged PBTL burrows, in the area adjacent to the Substation soakage pit. The two burrows were scoped and PBTLs were observed in both burrows, alive and unharmed. EBS advised the Elecnor HSE Manager of the impacted area.

Investigation:

Following this audit, detailed investigations have been carried out by Elecnor and by EBS which included:

- A review of project documentation to review compliance with EPBC Plan and CEMP requirements.
- A site inspection by Succession Ecology and EBS to assess the potential impact of the incident.
- A survey of the area by Alexander & Symonds to accurately quantify the impacted area
- An assessment of the area to determine if the impact was below the allowable limit for PBTL Habitat disturbance/clearance.

On 8 April 2024, the Elecnor HSE Manager and Environmental Advisor attended the location to investigate the reported impact. Elecnor secured the location and advised all works near the Substation to cease until notified otherwise. Elecnor advised their environmental consultant (**Succession Ecology**) to immediately survey the area. Elecnor confirmed that vehicles had tracked over PBTL habitat, and that topsoil had been spread over a small portion of disturbed ground.

On 9 April 2024, Alexander & Symonds completed a survey of the impacted area to determine an accurate size of the footprint that was affected by the tracked machinery. This survey revealed that 0.022 ha of PBTL habitat had been impacted by the incident. The ground survey data was collated and analysed against the allowable clearances under the EPBC approval.

On 12 April 2024, Neoen were informed that this incident was a potential EPBC non-compliance, which would require DCCEEW notification.

The root cause and contributing factors of the incident are set out below:

- Constraints for access to the Substation soakage pit were not fully understood by the Elecnor subcontractor
- Elecnor supervision did not fully understand the environmental constraints and potential impacts of the works undertaken
- No-Go Signage delineating the PBTL habitat area was still present, however, there was evidence that some of this had been removed during the works, to provide access.



- The temporary fence delineating the disturbance area had been removed before the Substation soakage pit works were undertaken

Potential non-compliance with the Conditions of the Approval:

Utilising Alexander & Symonds data, it was determined that despite this unauthorised impact, the project is still well under the allowable clearance area limit of 3.88 ha of PBTL habitat under the EPBC Approval. As such, Neoen believe there is no non-compliance with condition 1 ab) of the EPBC Variation.

Potential non-compliances with the commitments made in plans:

The investigation has indicated that there was a non-compliance with commitments made in the PBTL MP:

 Vehicles and/or machinery driving over PBTL habitat leading to degradation of PBTL habitat and possibly striking PBTLs

The investigation has indicated that there was a non-compliance with commitments made in the CEMP:

- Signage for no-go zones installed, but no exclusion fencing installed.
- Sedimentation of PBTL burrows and/or PBTL habitat from construction run-off (soil)

The investigation has also indicated that there was a non-compliance with commitments made in the Flora and Fauna MP, which is a subplan of the CEMP:

- Vehicle movements happened outside of approved disturbance areas.
- Unauthorised impact has occurred to PBTL's and PBTL habitat.

Assessment of potential impacts of the incidents and non-compliances:

Following the investigation, it was determined that movement of the tracked machinery over the PBTL habitat had a minor impact on the vegetation and PBTLs. Due to the following reasons:

- The two PBTL burrows were re-checked and PBTLs were identified alive and unharmed.
- Tracking of the machinery is only a temporary impact to the PBTL habitat, and not a permanent impact, the vegetation and soils are expected to recover and continue to provide habitat for PBTLs.

Remedial Actions:

In line with the advice from EBS and the Environmental report provided by Elecnor the following actions have been implemented:

- No-Go Area established on southern boundary of substation
- "Impact" Toolbox developed and presented to all Goyder South Wind Farm workers.

No other physical remediation of the area is required.



Approval Holder's review:

As part of the approval holder's management of the Incident, we have reviewed the Elecnor Report and consider that the incident learnings and opportunities for improvement identified therein should be adopted. We also consider that the implementation of the corrective actions proposed by Elecnor will further consolidate our controls and mitigate the risk of future similar incidents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information in relation to this matter. We welcome any questions the Department may have regarding this incident.

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