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Director, Planning Frameworks
GPO Box 39
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Submission: State Environmental Planning Policies Review 2015

TransGrid is the owner, operator and manager of the high voltage transmission network in NSW and the ACT, and connects generators, distributors and major end users. TransGrid's network includes up to 12,900 kilometres of transmission line and underground cables and links to Queensland and Victoria.

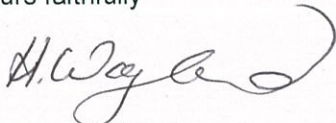
TransGrid welcomes the opportunity to comment on the State Environmental Planning Policies Review.

TransGrid acknowledges the proposed *State Environmental Planning Policy (Integration and Repeal) 2015*. TransGrid understands that this will assist in streamlining the planning system by repealing SEPPs which are no longer applicable, and consolidating controls from SEPPs into other plans. TransGrid also acknowledges the re-listing of Coffs Harbour LGA into SEPP 44 Koala Habitat Protection.

In relation to the Orana Regional Environmental Plan No 1 – Siding Springs, TransGrid notes that state provisions (including lighting requirements and consultation with the Observatory Director) will be included into a SEPP, and would apply to activities, including infrastructure projects, within 200km of the Observatory. This provision would apply to TransGrid's infrastructure within 200km of the Observatory, including a number of substations, transmission lines, radio repeater sites, and the Tamworth Regional Centre. TransGrid requires use of external, night lighting for substations and other infrastructure, to meet certain safety requirements. TransGrid would appreciate ongoing consultation on the inclusion of this provision in a SEPP, as it may have future operational restrictions to TransGrid's high voltage network.

Please contact Heather Wagland on the details below, if any further information is required.

Yours faithfully

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