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Director / Assessment Policy
Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Draft Code of Practice for environmental assessment

As a NSW electricity network business proposed to be charged with implementing the Code of Practice into its business, TransGrid welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the draft Code.

TransGrid, on behalf of itself and the wider community, seeks clarification regarding the intent of Section 2.3.6 *Additional Consultation Requirements for Class 4 and 5 Activities*. The draft states that:

A Consultation Protocol developed by an ANO must:

- *incorporate the Interim Additional Consultation Requirements for Class 4 and 5 Activities which are set out in this Code, in respect of consultation with the Secretary and Government Agencies.*

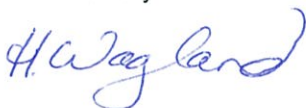
Section 2.3.6 further states that:

ANOs are encouraged to develop a Consultation Protocol which provides for a more tailored and efficient approach to consultation than that provided for by the Interim Additional Consultation Requirements.

The two statements appear to slightly contradict each other. It is therefore not clear if the interim requirements set out under point 1 (page 15) are the minimum requirements to be included in the Consultation Protocol regarding Government Agency and Secretary consultation, or if a more tailored approach can be implemented.

TransGrid recommends that the Department provide clearer wording regarding the intent for the interim requirements under point 1 to be (or not) the minimum requirements in the ANOs Consultation Protocol.

Yours faithfully

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