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Mr Bruce Colman
Director Land Release
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Dear Mr Colman,

Wilton South East Precinct & Wilton Priority Growth Area – exhibition documents

Thank you for your letter received on 15 August 2017, regarding the exhibition of plans for the Wilton Priority Growth Area. There are two main issues to raise, firstly with respect to existing transmission line easements and secondly with respect to capacity to service growth.

1) Transmission Line Easements

We have reviewed the draft exhibition documents for Wilton South East Precinct (WSEP) and Wilton Priority Growth Area (WGPA), and note neither plan makes reference to the Transmission Easement corridor that passes directly through both the WSEP and WGPA.

Endeavour Energy maintains its land interests in accordance with its current network requirements as well as for the purpose of future network planning. Endeavour Energy is not required and will not agree to release any of its existing land interests (including the benefit of easements) where those land interests are of strategic importance.

To ensure that Endeavour Energy continues to provide a safe, sustainable and reliable electricity network, any inquiry to release all or part of an Easement is subject to a review for future requirements, and reaching agreed terms with the proponent once the land is rezoned for the intended use and compensation assessed on the basis of its future land use.

Further information relating to Easements can be obtained by contacting our Strategic Property Manager – Simon Lawton on 9853 7819.

2) Electrical Network Capacity

Capacity is available for the growth area in the short to medium term from the existing Wilton Zone Substation on Condell Park Rd. The substation currently has capacity for approximately 5000 homes. The existing site was designed to allow future upgrades, with further investment the zone substation could cater for up to 17,000 homes when required. These upgrades will be implemented in a timely manner by Endeavour Energy based on demand forecasts.

From a staging point of view the Governors Hill development is easier to service in the short term due its proximity to Wilton Zone Substation. With respect to the Bradcorp development proposal for Wilton West, staging development from the south east part of the precinct is recommended, also due to proximity to the existing zone substation.
In the long term a new zone substation may be required in the Wilton West Precinct adjacent to the existing 66kV transmission line (850) towards the northern end of the release area.

Developers will be responsible for arranging low voltage and 11kV reticulation for their subdivisions from Wilton Zone Substation as per Endeavour Energy Company Policies. As there are no existing distribution ducts crossing the freeway, developers should factor in additional lead time for establishing the first 11kV feeder.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on (02) 9853 5003.

Yours sincerely

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