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As addressed

Dear Party

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Further Declaration: Deputy Chair Ms Reifschneider

Deputy Chair Reifschneider made declarations in relation to work with AusNet Services in western Victoria on 11 December 2020 (Tabled Document 15). She now makes the additional declaration below:

Deputy Chair Ms Reifschneider

Prior to my appointment to the Fingerboards IAC, I was engaged through my private practice by AusNet Services as Lead Approvals Consultant for a new transmission line project.

I have recently been advised by AusNet Services that Tetra Tech Coffey Pty Ltd along with other consultants has been engaged to prepare the EES for the transmission line project. I was not involved in any way with this decision nor was my advice sought as to the appointments.

It is my understanding that no individuals from Coffey who worked, or are working, on the Fingerboards project are engaged to work on the AusNet EES. However, to avoid any perceived conflicts I undertake not to continue any further work for AusNet services until the Fingerboards IAC report has been submitted.

I will raise this matter in morning business at an appropriate time. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact Amy Selvaraj at Planning Panels Victoria fingerboards.iac@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Inquiry and Advisory Committee, Chair

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