

1. General Information – The Applicant

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

1.1 Legal name of applicant

State the full legal name of the applicant. The applicant is the person who will be transmitting electricity that will be the subject of the licence.

Name:	AusNet Infrastructure No.2 Pty Ltd as Trustee for the AusNet Infrastructure No. 2 Trust.
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1.2 Legal identity of applicant

Provide the applicant's ABN and ACN (where relevant) and information about the applicant (for example, whether the applicant is a private limited company, trust, or joint venture).

ABN: Not Applicable	ACN: 677 120 311
Type of entity: Trust	

1.3 Contact details and address of the applicant

The applicant	
Business address: Level 31, 2 Southbank Boulevard Southbank	
State: Victoria	Postcode: 3006
Postal address (if different): Not Applicable	
State:	Postcode:
Full name of contact person: Richard Pawlik	
Position title: General Manager Connections Infrastructure	
Telephone: [REDACTED]	Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]	

1.4 Diagram of corporate and organisational structure

Attach a diagram illustrating the corporate structure (including details of any related companies within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*) and the organisational chart.

- a) corporate structure (including any parent and related companies within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*), and

Attachment reference: *Attachment 1 Corporate Structure*

- b) organisational chart (including composition of the board, management, and other key personnel responsible for the key functions)

Attachment reference: *Attachment 2 Organisational Structure*

1.5 The Licence and transmission infrastructure details

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

If the applicant is seeking for a licence to be issued by a certain date, identify this date. **Note: we do not undertake to issue the licence by this date.** The applicant should usually allow a minimum of eight to 10 weeks **once we consider the application to be complete.**

An application is considered complete once we have all the information needed for the commission to make a decision. In other words, when we have no need to request further information from the applicant. This includes a public consultation period of four weeks (generally) as part of our consideration of licence applications.

Provide details on the following	
(a) Date from which licence is sought:	<div></div>
(b) Transmission asset name:	<i>Goorambat East Terminal Station (GETS)</i>
(c) Location of transmission asset (including the local government area, nearest town, or other identifying features):	<i>Goorambat, Victoria 3725. Local Government Area: Rural City of Benalla</i>
(d) Nature and scope of operations for which the licence is sought, including details of works related to the transmission asset (for example, details of the associated generation facility or augmentation of the electricity transmission system):	<i>New 220kV Electrical transmission station (Goorambat East Terminal Station – GETS) by cutting in 220kV Shepparton – Dedarang (SHTS-DDTS) line to 220kV Shepparton – Goorambat (SHTS-GETS) line and Goorambat – Dedarang (GETS- DDTS) 220kV line.</i>
(e) Provide a copy of any maps, shapefiles or line diagrams identifying project footprint, transmission routes and proposed location for connection assets (if applicable):	
Attachment reference:	<div></div>

- (f) Provide details about the proposed connection point (include latitude and longitude, as well as names, locations and other useful identifiers):

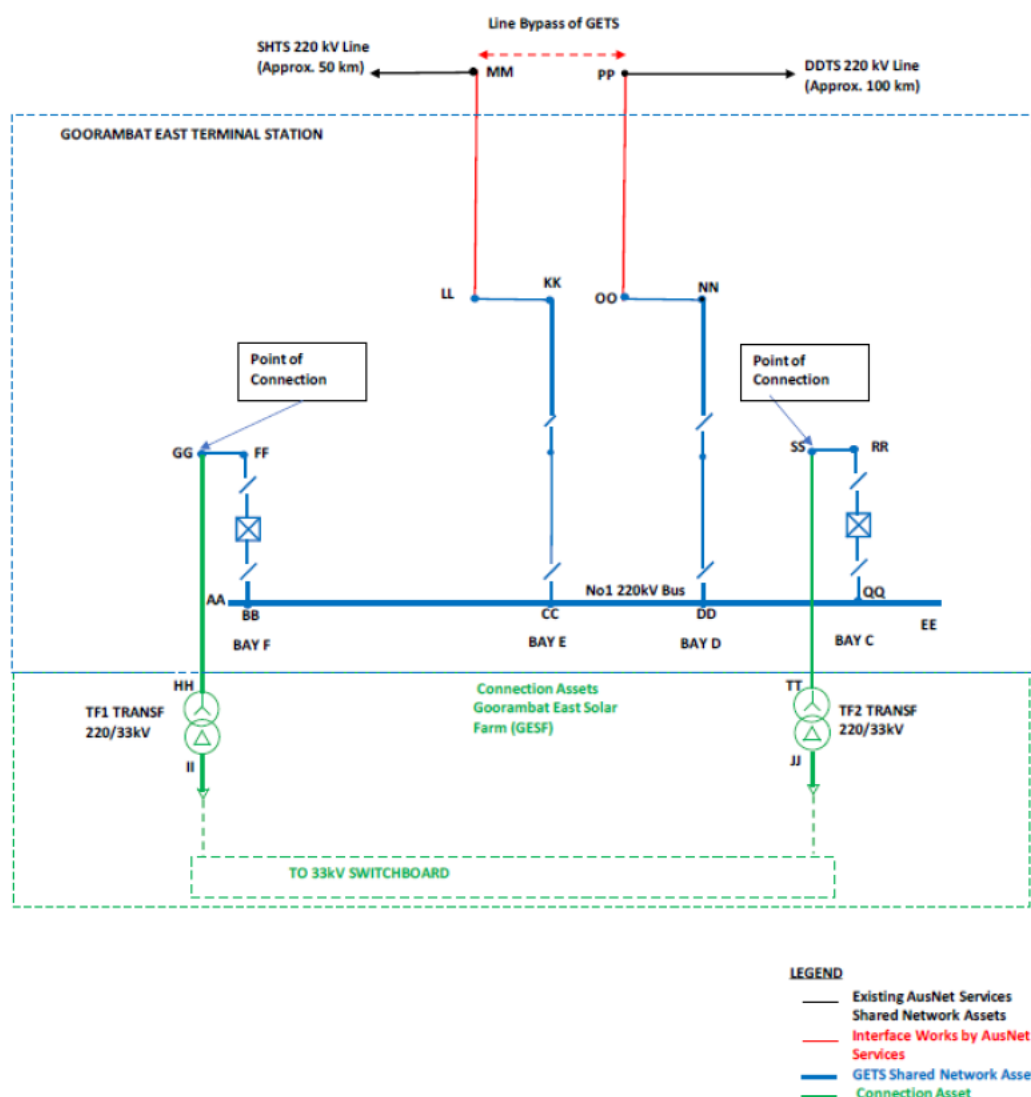
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- (g) Provide details of the proposed connection arrangement (physical and electrical layouts) into the existing transmission network:

The following is the proposed connection arrangements for GETS:

The GETS SLD, Figure 1, shows the required primary interfaces.

Figure 1 - New GETS Primary Interfaces SLD



Attachment reference: Attachment 3B Goorambat SLD

- (h) Provide details of the proposed transmission assets (for example, ratings, HVdc technology type, voltage class, substation/converter station details, etc.):

The proposed assets are a 220kV Terminal Station with the following system condition requirements.

Table 1: System Conditions – 220kV

System Condition	Requirement
Maximum continuous operating voltage, U_{max}	245 kV _{RMS}
System frequency	50 Hz
Number of Phases	3
Method of earthing system neutral	Direct
Maximum fault levels (three phase, sub-transient)	40 kA _{RMS}
X/R ratio	30
Lightning impulse withstand level (phase – earth)	1050 kV _{PEAK}
Switching impulse withstand level (phase – earth)	N/A
Short duration power frequency withstand voltage for 1 minute (phase – earth)	460 kV _{RMS}

- (i) Provide details regarding the status of the proposed transmission project with respect to the Regulatory Investment Test – Transmission (RIT-T):

The Goorambat East Solar Farm project is a contestable transmission project and is not subject to the RIT-T process.

- (j) Provide details of when the applicant expects to receive ‘considered project’ status under the National Electricity Rules:

- 1) The necessary land and easements will be obtained during the construction of the project and once the land has been subdivided.***
- 2) All necessary planning and development approvals were obtained by the Customer/Generator approved by the relevant Council. Please refer to Attachment 33 – GESF Planning Permit and Attachment 34 – GESF Planning Permit Extension of Time.***
- 3) Construction mobilisation to site occurred on 11 November 2024.***

2. Technical capacity

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

2.1 Experience and knowledge of the industry

Provide information about the human resources available to the applicant. This includes:

- a) the experience and qualifications of those employees outlined in the organisational chart (see 1.4b)

Please refer to Attachment 2 Question 1.4

- b) if the applicant will employ contractors or agents to assist with the licensed activities, the name of those contractors or agents, details about the experience of the contractors or agents in such operations and details of the processes in place to ensure the contractors or agents comply with the licence conditions, including relevant regulatory obligations.

Please refer to Attachment 3 Question 2.1

Where the applicant is relying on a third party to provide staff and/or resources to meet the technical capacity requirements of the transmission licence, provide:

- c) the experience and qualifications of any relevant key employees who will manage those systems and processes;

Please refer to Attachment 2 Question 1.4

- d) if the applicant will engage third parties to assist with the licensed activities, provide the following information in relation to each third party:
 - (i) the name of that third party
 - (ii) the scope of activities undertaken by the third party
 - (iii) details and copies of any agreements for the provision of services
 - (iv) details about the experience of the third party in relation to the activities that it will be undertaking, including any accreditations
 - (v) details of the processes in place to ensure the third party complies with the licensee's regulatory obligations.

Attachment reference:

Attachment 3 Question 2.1

Attachment 4 – [REDACTED]

Attachment 5 – [REDACTED]

Attachment 6 – [REDACTED]

2.2 Risk management

- c) Provide confirmation and evidence that the applicant has identified the risks associated with electricity transmission. Additionally, provide evidence that the applicant has established, utilised and relied upon risk management systems and processes which are adequate, accurate and current to address those risks.
- d) Provide a copy of the applicant's risk management strategy. A statement should also be provided (or supporting document must make it clear) whether the strategy has been developed in line with any Australian or International Standard (for example, ISO 31000:2018).
- e) Provide a copy of a risk register that identifies risks, controls and mitigations.

Attachment reference:

Please refer to the following:

Attachment 7 – Question 2.2

Attachment 8 – Project Risk Register Template

Attachment 9 – [REDACTED]

2.3 Land access dispute resolution

If relevant, identify how persons whose land may be accessed can raise a dispute in relation to any activities connected with the transmission of electricity and the proposed processes and procedures in place to resolve disputes.

Attachment reference:

Attachment 10 – Question 2.3 Response

Attachment 11 – A Guide to Living with Transmission Line Easements

Attachment 12 – Complaints and Disputes Resolution Policy

2.4 Registration with the Australian Energy Market Operator

Advise if the applicant will apply to register with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). If so, provide evidence of registration or exemption, or intending registration or exemption (for example, correspondence between the applicant and AEMO). If the applicant is not registering with AEMO, describe why that is the case.

The applicant will be a registered market participant with AEMO for the electricity transmission activities.

Provisional Network Services Correspondence to AEMO is in **Attachment 2A**.

Electricity and gas licences held by the Applicant and its associates are:

- a) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd holds a licence for the transmission of electricity in Victoria. This licence came into effect on 3 October 1994 under perpetuity.
- b) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd holds a Transmission Authority from the Queensland Department of Energy and Water Supply to operate a transmission grid in Queensland and connect to Powerlink's or any other TNSP's, transmission grid in Queensland.
- c) AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd holds a licence for the distribution of electricity in Victoria. This licence came into effect on 3 October 1994 under perpetuity under the Electricity Industry Act in Victoria.
- d) AusNet Gas Services Pty Ltd holds a licence for the distribution of gas in Victoria. This licence was granted on 11 December 1997 under the Gas Industry Act 2001 (Vic).
- e) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd was granted a special exemption to supplement the electricity generation licence on 4 September 2019 to cater for the generation of electricity under section 19 of the Electricity Industry Act for the Ballarat Battery Energy Storage System (30MW/30MWh) located at the Ballarat Terminal Station in Victoria.
- f) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd is a Prescribed Authority under section 88A of the Conveyancing Act from 20 May 2022 in New South Wales.

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2.5 Licences held in other jurisdictions

If the applicant holds, or has previously held, electricity and/or gas licences or authorisations in other jurisdictions, provide details. If a licence or authorisation previously held has been suspended or cancelled, provide details.

The Applicant does not hold any licences in other jurisdictions. The licences held by associates to the Applicant are:

- a) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd holds a Transmission Authority from the Queensland Department of Energy and Water Supply to operate a transmission grid in Queensland and connect to Powerlink's or any other TNSP's, transmission grid in Queensland.
- b) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd is a Prescribed Authority under section 88A of the Conveyancing Act from 20 May 2022 in New South Wales.



2.6 Previous unsuccessful licence applications in other jurisdictions

Confirm whether the applicant has applied for an electricity or gas licence or authorisation in another jurisdiction and not been issued with a licence or authorisation, provide details.

This is not applicable. AusNet and the Applicant has not applied for a licence in another jurisdiction and been unsuccessful in that application.

2.7 Licences held by associates of the applicant

If an associate (within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*) holds an electricity or gas licence or authorisation in Victoria or another Australian jurisdiction, provide details.

The Applicant does not hold any licences in other jurisdictions. The licences held by associates to the Applicant are:

- a) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd holds a Transmission Authority from the Queensland Department of Energy and Water Supply to operate a transmission grid in Queensland and connect to Powerlink's or any other TNSP's, transmission grid in Queensland.
- b) AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd is a Prescribed Authority under section 88A of the Conveyancing Act from 20 May 2022 in New South Wales.



2.8 Compliance management

- f) Provide evidence of compliance management which demonstrates how the compliance systems the applicant has (or will have) in place will ensure compliance with all the relevant regulatory obligations required by the transmission licence.
- a) Provide a copy of the applicant's compliance management strategy. A statement should also be provided (or supporting document must make it clear) whether the strategy has been developed in line with any Australian or International Standard (for example, AS ISO 19600:2015).

Attachment reference:

Attachment 13 – Question 2.8 Response

Attachment 14 - Code of Conduct

Attachment 15 - Supplier Code of Conduct

Attachment 16 - Compliance Policy

Attachment 17 - Regulatory Compliance Framework

2.9 Material agreements

Provide copies of agreements entered into, or intended to be entered into, by the applicant that are material to the undertaking of the transmission activity.

Agreements that are material to the undertaking of the transmission activity may include:

- a) Connection agreements, such as a Generator Connection Agreement and Generator Project Agreement with a generation facility.

This is not applicable as AusNet is not a Generator. Refer to part (b) for details of material agreements for AusNet.

- b) Any contract concerning the construction and delivery of the project (sometimes commonly referred to as a Project Construction and Coordination Deed (PCCD) or Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement).

Project Construction and Coordination Deed (PCCD) between Australian Energy Market Operator Limited and Goorambat East Solar Farm Pty Ltd as trustee for the Goorambat East Solar Farm Trust and AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd and the Applicant

*Construction Agreement between the Applicant and [REDACTED]
Design and Construct Agreement between the Applicant and [REDACTED]*

Any Network Services Agreements.

Network Services Agreement for Goorambat East Terminal Station and Interface between AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd and Australian Energy Market Operator Ltd

- c) Any contracts concerning the managerial aspects of the activity (sometimes commonly referred to as a Management Services Agreement).

This is not applicable as the Applicant has not entered into any Management Services Agreements.

- d) Any contract concerning the ongoing operations and maintenance of the transmission assets (sometimes commonly referred to as an Operations and Maintenance Agreement).

There is a proposed Operations & Maintenance Agreement between the Applicant and AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd.

Attachment reference:

Attachment 4 – [REDACTED]

Attachment 5 – [REDACTED]

Attachment 6 – [REDACTED]

Attachment 18 – Project Construction and Coordination Deed

Attachment 19 – Network Services Agreement for Goorambat East Interface

Attachment 20 – Network Services Agreement for Goorambat East Terminal Station

Attachment 21 – Proposed Operations and Maintenance Agreement

2.10 Declared Transmission System Operator

An explanation of whether the transmission assets are contemplated to form part of the Declared Transmission System and whether the applicant is, or has requested to be, a Declared Transmission System Operator.¹

The transmission assets are contemplated to form part of the Declared Transmission System and the applicant has requested to be a Declared Transmission System Operator for the new assets.

Attachment reference: Not Applicable

2.11 Approvals

Provide a copy of any planning or environmental approvals that permit the applicant to undertake preparatory works in relation to the transmission of electricity.

The works for Goorambat East Terminal Station are under approved permit P0102/19 (Amended)

Attachment reference:

Attachment 22 – GESF Planning Permit

Attachment 23 – GESF Planning Permit Extension of Time

2.12 Land access

Provide the following in relation to land access (if the applicant is intending to access private land for the purpose of transmission (or preparatory works):

- a) Copies of any agreements to access land for the purpose of the transmission (including preparatory works). If there are multiple agreements on similar terms, a copy of a single agreement is sufficient.
- b) A description of any complaints, including resolution or outcomes, concerning the applicant's activities in relation to land access.
- c) Copies of any policy or process of the applicant relating to the negotiation of access to land for the purpose of the transmission (including preparatory works). Where relevant, that policy or process, should demonstrate the applicant has the technical capacity to undertake land access in accordance with the commission's Land Access Code of Practice.

¹ See section 31 *National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005*.

- d) Information about the skills, experience and expertise of the key personnel who will be engaging with local communities and landowners regarding the applicant's intended use of land access powers under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

Attachment reference:

Attachment 24 – Question 2.12

Attachment 25 – Access Licence Deed

Attachment 26 – Land Access Engagement Procedure

Attachment 27 – Land Access Policy

Attachment 28 - Landowner Engagement

Attachment 29 – WRL Landholder Access Guide

Attachment 30 - Extract of Sub Board minutes - Adoption of Group Policies (to be provided)

Attachment 31 – Biosecurity Management

Attachment 32 - Bushfire Mitigation Plan

Attachment 33 - Complaints and Dispute Resolution Policy

Attachment 34 – Complaints Management Procedure.

2.13 Engagement with Energy Safe Victoria

Provide details about the applicant's engagement with Energy Safe Victoria and any copies of correspondence regarding the proposed electricity transmission infrastructure.

Attachment 35 – Provisional ESMS Correspondence to ESV (to be provided)

2.14 Additional information

Provide any additional information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's assessment of the applicant's technical capacity.

Refer to:

Attachment 36 Other Information

Attachment 37 - ISO 45001 HSEQ

Attachment 38 - ISO9001 Quality Certification

Attachment 39 - ISO14001 Environmental Certification

3. Financial viability

3.1 Financial resources

The applicant must provide a statement that will be made available to the public during the consultation period that the applicant has the financial resources to commence and sustainably perform the relevant licensable activities.

Provide a statement to confirm that:

a) the applicant is financially viable and has the financial resources to sustainably undertake the electricity transmission activity; and

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary AusNet Pty Ltd which is a wholly owned subsidiary of AusNet Energy Holdings No. 4 Pty Ltd and has the financial resources to perform the activities the subject of the licence. AusNet provides strong financial viability which results in the ability to be commercially competitive, innovative and flexible.

Details of the AusNet Group of companies' financial performance for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2022 is shown in the following table. A copy of the 2021 Annual Report is attached representing the previous ownership structure, please refer to Attachment FF - 2021 Annual Report.

The audited annual reports for AusNet Services Ltd include for the respective financial year, the:

- | Profit and loss statement and balance sheets, including all notes;
- | Directors' declaration;
- | Directors' report; and
- | Audit opinions.

The following table presents AusNet's high level summary of financial performance, both pre and post the acquisition by Brookfield.

Table 8: AusNet's Financial Performance Summary

Name	12 mths to Mar-20	12 mths to Mar-21	12 mths to Mar-22	9 mths to Dec-22

Note: In February 2022, AusNet became a privately owned company and was no longer listed on the ASX. AusNet's financial year end changed from March to December post-acquisition.

Attachment reference:

Attachment 40 - 2021 Annual Report

Credit Ratings

AusNet Services is a diversified Australian energy infrastructure business with over \$12 billion of electricity and gas network and connection assets.

AusNet has a strong financial position generating positive operating cash flows. It has a strong track record in global capital markets with approximately \$[REDACTED] of debt outstanding as at 31 December 2024. AusNet has strong and stable investment grade credit ratings, BBB+/Baa1 from S&P and Moody's, which enables ready access to funding in both domestic and international capital markets, as well as the Australian bank debt market.

Insurances

AusNet is able to meet the applicable insurance requirements for contestable markets in Victoria. AusNet has insurance arrangements in place in Victoria and other States with insurers that are of good repute and conditions that are applicable in the electricity industry.

- b) the applicant will be a registered market participant with the Australian Energy Market Operator for its electricity transmission activities.

Yes, the applicant will be a registered market participant with AEMO for the electricity transmission activities.

The commission reserves the right to conduct a financial viability assessment and require the applicant to produce information and documents it considers appropriate to complete such an assessment.

4. Fit and proper person

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

In deciding whether to grant or refuse a licence application, the commission will consider whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence in Victoria.

The concept of a 'fit and proper person' is established by common law and takes its meaning from its context, from the activities in which the person is or will be engaged, and the ends to be served by those activities.

In considering whether an applicant is a fit and proper person, we will have regard to the applicant's honesty, integrity and reputation. These are relevant factors as they can inform an assessment of the likelihood of future conduct.

We will also consider the conduct of directors, office holders or any person with significant managerial duties or influence. We will also consider the conduct of related bodies corporate or entities that can exert control over the applicant.

- a) Have any directors of the applicant, directors of any entity that can exert control over the applicant, or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant:
- i. been declared bankrupt,
 - ii. had their affairs placed under administration,
 - iii. been disqualified from managing a company,
 - iv. been subject to debt judgements, or

If yes, provide details:

No

- b) insolvency proceedings (including any administration, liquidation or receivership in connection with the affairs of a company)?

If yes, provide details:

No

- c) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, directors of any entity that can exert control over the applicant or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant been prosecuted for any offences or had any enforcement action taken under any state, territory, Commonwealth or foreign legislation (including, but not limited to, the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, *Corporations Act 2001*, or the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*)?

If yes, provide details:

No

- d) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, any related body corporate, or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant been involved in any material breaches of obligations regulated by the commission or any other regulator?

If yes, provide details:

No

- e) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, any related body corporate, or any person with significant managerial responsibility been under investigation in relation to its regulatory obligations or is currently bound by an enforceable undertaking?

If yes, provide details:

No

- f) Has the applicant, any related body corporate or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant, been refused a licence or authorisation, or had restricted, suspended or revoked any such licence or authorisation (in any jurisdiction)?

If yes, provide details:

No

- g) Provide any other information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's fit and proper person assessment.

No other relevant information. Details provided in the application form.

Additional information

Answer the following questions and, where the answer to any question is "no" (except to question b)), provide further detail.

- a) Is the applicant a resident of, or does it have permanent establishment in, Australia?

Yes

- b) Is the applicant under external administration (as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*) or under a similar form of administration under any laws applicable to it in any jurisdiction?

No

- c) Is the applicant immune from suit in respect of the obligations under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*?

No

- d) Is the applicant capable of being sued in its own name in a court of Australia?

Yes

5. Commission objectives

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

In deciding whether to grant or refuse an electricity transmission licence application, the commission must consider its objectives under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (ESC Act).

Our primary objective under the ESC Act, when performing our functions and exercising our powers, is to promote the long-term interests of Victorian consumers. In seeking to achieve this objective, we must have regard to the price, quality, and reliability of essential services and the matters set out in section 8A to the extent they are relevant.

In seeking to achieve the objectives specified in section 8, the commission must have regard to the matters to the extent that they are relevant in any particular case.

Provide any information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's consideration of its objectives outlined in:

- Section 8 of the ESC Act (also see section 8A of the ESC Act); and
- Section 10 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

Granting a transmission license to the Applicant is consistent with the objectives of the commission in terms of protecting the long-term interests of Victorian consumers.

The licence will enable the Applicant to continue to own, maintain and otherwise perform its functions in respect of the shared assets and make the assets available for the Generator.

At a high level, the Solar Farm will connect into Terminal Stations through the Victorian Transmission Network (VTN) and helps contribute to the clean energy transformation by supporting renewable energy generation in the Victorian network.

6. Statutory declaration

Attachment 41 – [REDACTED]