

17 September 2024

Alistair Parker
Chief Executive Officer
VicGrid
Via email: vicgrid@deeca.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr Parker

Addendum Submission - Draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and Study Area

Council made a submission to the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines on Study Area on 23 August 2024. This letter is in responsive to the digital map of the study area that was released on 11 September 2024 and should be treated as an addendum to Councils original submission.

Council acknowledges the release of the digital map as an improvement on the static PDF map that was previously available during the consultation period. The new interactive map addresses some of the concerns raised in Council's submission.

The map, however, does not include details of the individual constraints e.g. heritage, flooding, bushfire, flora and fauna etc, nor does it include a layer reflecting locations where there is limited to no community support for renewable energy projects. The amalgamated layer with different coloured shading from 'most' to 'least' constrained, is of limited value in that Council can't review the mapping to verify the accuracy of the data or understand why a particular area may or may not be constrained.

It is important that VicGrid is transparent in how the constraints mapping has been collated, including provision of individual constraints layers and constraints weighting, and allows Councils the opportunity to review the constraints mapping.

In relation to the renewable projects identified on this mapping, the recently approved Joel Joel Battery should be added to the mapping.

If you would like to discuss this submission in detail, or provide responses to the information requested, please contact [REDACTED] via [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully



BRENT MCALISTER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONTACT US

CONNECT WITH US