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Mr Roger Howlett
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Tasmanian Planning Commission
Via email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Roger

North West Transmission Upgrades Project - Permit for Palmerston to Hampshire Section Request for Advice on Environmental Offsets

Thank you for your letter dated 17 October 2025 seeking advice from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) regarding environmental offsets associated with the section of the North West Transmission Upgrades Project under assessment. NRE Tas provides the following advice in response to your two queries:

- 1) *Whether NRE Tas agrees with TasNetworks' position that no environmental offsets are required once the proposed mitigation measures have been implemented.***

NRE Tas is satisfied that the proposed impact avoidance and mitigation strategies presented in the project application will result in **no** significant residual impacts that require offsetting. As such, NRE Tas supports the position that no environmental offsets are required in this instance.

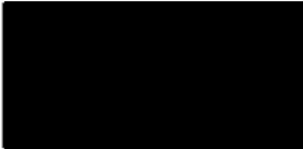
Please note that the above advice does not apply to matters considered under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

- 2) *Whether NRE Tas considers that environmental offsets may be appropriate in circumstances where impacts occur to vegetation communities or species that are not listed under the Threatened Species Protection Act 1995 (TSPA) or the Nature Conservation Act 2002 (NCA).***

Impacts to vegetation communities and species that are **not** listed under the TSPA or the NCA are not required to be offset. While NRE Tas does not consider requiring formal offsets to be appropriate in this instance, the proponent may seek to undertake voluntary offsets, via the NRE Tas Private Land Conservation Program. However, there is no statutory obligation to do so.

I trust that this advice will be of assistance to the Panel. Should the Panel have any further questions on this matter please contact NRE Tas's Sonia Mellor, Principal Advisor - Policy and Planning, Strategy and Business Services Division. Ms Mellor can be contacted via 0436 636 279 or via email at sonia.mellor@nre.tas.gov.au prior to 27 November 2025. Thereafter Anita Howard will be undertaking the role and can be contacted via 0429 407 914 or via email at anita.howard@nre.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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