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Dear Katherine,

Amendment to Planning Permit Conditions – Tramway Road BESS – Monash Way, Hazelwood North

Cogency Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of Eku Energy Pty Ltd (Eku Energy) has prepared this amendment request under section 72 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic) to the planning permit granted by the Minister of Planning for the Tramway Road Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Monash Way, Hazelwood North (PA2403430).

The planning application was referred to the Head, Transport for Victoria (HTfV) on 7 February 2025. HTfV confirmed that it did not object to the issuing of the permit, subject to conditions.

This amendment requests to remove HTfV’s condition 21 and condition 26 (extracted **below**) from planning permit PA2403430.

Condition 21

Prior to construction beginning on site, the existing access on Monash Way (emergency access) must be upgraded generally in accordance with standard drawing GD4010:

- a. *Suitable for an 8.8m Service vehicle*
- b. *Include a minimum 9m seal*

Condition 26

Prior to the upgrade of the crossover on Monash Way, a dimensional plan of the access generally in accordance with standard drawing GD4010, must be submitted and approved by the Head, Transport for Victoria and include:

- a. *Intersection Sight distance achievable*
- b. *Length and width of shoulder seal*
- c. *Location of drainage pipe with driveable end walls*
- d. *Location of any gates controlling access to property*

It is submitted that condition 21 is not required for the Tramway Road BESS. As acknowledged in HTfV’s condition, the access point via Monash Way is to be provided for emergency purposes. This secondary access point is for use by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) in the event of an emergency once the Tramway Road BESS is operational. It is not required for or proposed to be used during the construction phase.

Technical assessment of the existing crossover to Monash Way confirms that it can support an 8.8m service vehicle to turn in and out of the site. Accordingly, the existing site access does not require upgrading for use as emergency access. We note that this was previously raised in our response to HTfV in July 2025.

Please find enclosed with this application a letter from onemilegrid dated 13 January 2026 that provides further detail of its assessment.

In support of this proposed amendment, we confirm that both the CFA and FRV were satisfied with the proposed emergency access strategy for the Tramway Road BESS and did not raise any concerns about the secondary access point on Monash Way.

As a consequential amendment, condition 26 is also no longer required.

Eku Energy is otherwise comfortable and will comply with all other conditions proposed by HTfV and included in the planning permit.

This amendment has been discussed with Department of Transport and Planning – Development Approvals and Design, Renewables team on 7 January 2026.

We trust that all information provided is sufficient. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0402 526 398 or at dinan@cogencyaustralia.com.au.

Yours Sincerely,



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