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Dear Rebecca,

CONSENT TO LODGE A PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION: CONNECTION WORKS WITHIN THE TRANSPORT ZONE 2 ASSOCIATED WITH TRAGOWEL BESS

I refer to your correspondence dated 27 November 2025 regarding a request for the consent of the Head, Transport for Victoria (**the Head, TfV**) to lodge an application for a planning permit associated with the Tragowel BESS on Loddon Valley Highway, Tragowel.

Pursuant to the Gannawarra Shire Council Planning Scheme, part of the subject site is located within the Transport Zone 2 (TRZ2). In accordance with Clause 36.04-3 of the Scheme, an application for a planning permit by a person other than a relevant transport manager on land shown on a planning scheme map as TRZ1 or TRZ2 must be accompanied by the written consent of the Head, Transport for Victoria.

As depicted in the TRZ2 Proposed Works Plan (Cogency, 1 September 2025) submitted with your request, a 220kv underground transmission line is proposed to be constructed within the Loddon Valley Highway road reserve (TRZ2) near the highway's intersection with Old Echuca Road. As set out in your cover letter dated 27 November 2025, the transmission line is proposed to be constructed via horizontal directional drilling.

Consent of the Head, Transport for Victoria

Pursuant to *Clause 36.04-3* of the Gannawarra Shire Council Planning Scheme, the Head, TfV consents to an application for a planning permit proposing the construction of a 220kv underground transmission line via horizontal direction drilling being made.

Importantly, I note this correspondence provides only the Head, Transport for Victoria's consent to lodge a planning permit application(s), and **does not** represent or pre-empt:

- Any referral response where the Head, TfV is a Referral Authority for the planning permit application(s);
- Any response to notice provided under Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*;

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- The Head, TfV's approval of the works proceeding; or
- The Head, TfV's approval of any consent or approval required under the *Road Management Act 2004*.

Further Advice

The consent of the Head, Transport for Victoria relates to the construction of an underground transmission line (constructed via horizontal directional drilling) located in the area depicted in the TRZ2 Proposed Works Plan (Cogency, 1 September 2025) (enclosed) only. Should a different location or construction methodology be pursued, separate consent of the Head, TfV in accordance with Clause 36.0403 of the Planning Scheme will be required.

Should you wish to discuss this matter or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jack Poulson, Manager, Planning Practice, by emailing jack.poulson@transport.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Glenn Skoien

Director, Planning & Heritage Practice (Acting)
Under delegation from the Head, Transport for Victoria
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Enc:

- *TRZ2 Proposed Works Plan (Cogency, 1 September 2025)*

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