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Dear Michael

PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION – CLOVER POWER STATION BOGONG HIGH PLAINS ROAD BOGONG Vic 3699

AGL Energy Limited (AGL) operates Australia's largest private electricity generation portfolio, comprising coal and gas-fired generation, renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro, solar and batteries.

Part of AGL's energy portfolio is the Kiewa hydro-electric scheme in Victoria's Northeast approximately 360km from Melbourne. The Kiewa scheme has four power stations. Clover Power Station (CLPS), located off the Bogong High Plains Road, Bogong, is the third station in the Kiewa Hydroelectric Scheme and was the first station built, commissioned in 1945. CLPS is now causing a bottleneck in the scheme and most of the CLPS major components have reached end of life and are to be replaced.

AGL Energy Limited (AGL) has prepared a planning report to seek planning approval for works associated with a proposed overhaul at CLPS. A planning application was previously submitted to facilitate time critical early works associated with the proposed overhaul (PA 2403111) – this was recently issued on the 11 September 2024.

The proposed overhaul works are not considered to result in a substantive change to the existing land use established on the site. There are minimal impacts on the natural environmental, human health and amenity, native vegetation and water quality. All impacts, including construction impacts, can be effectively managed with the implementation of a site environmental management plan. Noting the negligible impact to the; existing land use, environment, and any sensitive receivers, it is not considered that public notice of this application is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Minister for Planning grant a Planning Permit so that these important overhaul works can proceed to support the ongoing efficient operation of the CLPS.

Yours sincerely,

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