



**ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000
APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LICENCE**

**AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd (ACN 666 381 737) as
trustee for AusNet Infrastructure Trust
(ABN 40 393 557 464)**

RECORD OF DECISION

11 December 2024

SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (EI Act) the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd (ACN 666 381 737) as trustee for AusNet Infrastructure Trust (ABN 40 393 557 464) (AusNet Infrastructure No.1) a licence to transmit electricity in Victoria, through the assets connecting the Koorangie Battery Energy Storage System and the Koorangie Terminal Station in Bael Bael.

BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the EI Act relevantly provides that a person must not engage in the transmission of electricity unless the person:

- (a) is the holder of a licence authorising the activity;
- (b) is exempted from the requirement to obtain a licence in respect of the activity; or
- (c) is the holder of a trial waiver in respect of the activity.

Section 18(1) of the EI Act relevantly provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to transmit electricity (subsection (1)(b)).

On 3 May 2024, AusNet Infrastructure No.1 submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to transmit electricity.

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's electricity transmission licence application form and the commission's 'Guideline: Applications for electricity industry and gas industry licences', AusNet Infrastructure No.1 provided the commission with necessary documentation supporting the application.

On 10 October 2024, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application. The commission received five submissions.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the EI Act provides that the commission may grant or refuse the application for any reason it considers appropriate, having regard to the objectives of the commission under the provisions of the EI Act and the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (ESC Act).

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that AusNet Infrastructure No.1:

- has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted; and
- is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to transmit electricity in Victoria.

In accordance with section 19(1) of the EI Act, and having regard to its objectives under the ESC Act and the EI Act, the commission has decided to grant AusNet Infrastructure No.1 a licence to transmit electricity in Victoria, through the assets connecting the Koorangie Battery Energy Storage System and the Koorangie Terminal Station in Bael Bael, subject to the conditions specified in the licence.

THE COMMON SEAL
of the ESSENTIAL
SERVICES COMMISSION
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the commission
on 12 December 2024

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Gerard Brody
Chairperson