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To Whom It May Concern

**Proposed Development at Brooks Parade, Belmont
Development Application No. DA/11/2017**

I refer to your letter dated 16th January 2017 concerning the above development. This letter is Ausgrid's response under clause 45(2) of the *State Environmental planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007*.

As you would be aware, the assessment and evaluation of environmental impacts for a new development consent (or where a development consent is modified) is undertaken in accordance with requirements of Section 79C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. One of the obligations upon consent authorities, such as local councils, is to consider the suitability of the site for the development which can include a consideration of whether the proposal is compatible with the surrounding land uses and the existing environment.

In this regard, Ausgrid requires that due consideration be given to the compatibility of proposed development with existing Ausgrid's infrastructure, particularly in relation to risks of electrocution, fire risks, Electric & Magnetic Fields (EMFs), noise, visual amenity and other matters that may impact on Ausgrid or the development.

Please note the following information in relation to the construction of the development:

Supply of Electricity

There are limitations that apply to the installation of electrical infrastructure. The developer must submit a NECF-01 – "Preliminary Enquiry" form for advice on connection options. A response from Ausgrid must be received before a Construction Certificate is issued.

Basic Developments

It is recommended for the developer to engage an electrical consultant/contractor to complete an NECF-02 Form "Connection Application – Residential and Small Commercial Connections" or an NECF-03 Form "Connection Application – Large, Multiple and Remote Connections" for the connection of the proposed development to the adjacent electricity network infrastructure.

An assessment will be carried out based on the information provided which may include whether or not the existing network can support the expected electrical load of the development. For some developments, a substation may be required on-site.

If an upgrade to the electricity network is necessary, the timeframe between the submission of the connection application and availability to connect the development will vary and may be exposed to a lengthy design and construction period. The submission of the Connection Application will allow us to begin planning and processing the connection and hopefully minimise any delays.

Please direct the developer to Ausgrid's website, www.ausgrid.com.au for information regarding connecting to Ausgrid's network.

Conduit Installation

The need for additional electricity conduits in the footway adjacent to the development will be assessed and documented in Ausgrid's Design Information, used to prepare the connection project design.

Proximity to Existing Network Assets

There are existing overhead electricity network assets in the Brooks Parade, Sharp Street and Edgar Street footpaths, adjacent to the development.

Workcover Code of Practice 2006 – Work Near Overhead Powerlines outlines the minimum safety separation requirements between these mains / poles to structures within the development throughout the construction process. It is a statutory requirement that these distances be maintained throughout construction.

It is recommended that Ausgrid is contacted on (02) 4910 1200 to discuss compliance issues regarding the relevant Workcover Code of Practice 2006 – Work Near Overhead Powerlines.

Clearance to 'As Constructed' Development may not be Compliant

The "as constructed" minimum clearances to the mains should also be considered. These distances are outlined in the Ausgrid Network Standard, *NS220 Overhead Design Manual*. This document can be sourced from Ausgrid's website, www.ausgrid.com.au

The existing overhead mains may require relocating should the minimum safety clearances be compromised in either of the above scenarios, this relocation work is generally at the developers cost.

Before a Construction Certificate is issued, the developer will be required to submit a survey

plan to Ausgrid showing the location of all overhead mains within 5 metres of the proposed development. This drawing must contain a plan view and an elevated view clearly indicating the location of the overhead mains in relation to the development. This information should be forwarded to customersupplynewcastle@ausgrid.com.au for further comment.

Existing Electricity Easements

A title search of the development site should be completed to check for existing electricity easements. If easements are present, Ausgrid must assess the proposed activity within the easement. Please direct the developer to Ausgrid's website, www.ausgrid.com.au to download our "Living with Electricity Easements" brochure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely



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