



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

**TransGrid Services Pty Limited (ACN 626 136 865) as
trustee for TransGrid Services Trust (ABN 70 250 995 390)**

RECORD OF DECISION

1 July 2020

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Industry Act), the Essential Services Commission (**the commission**) has granted TransGrid Services Pty Limited (ACN 626 136 865) as trustee for TransGrid Services Trust (ABN 70 250 995 390) (**TransGrid**) a licence to transmit electricity at the connection and extension assets associated with the Berrybank Wind Farm and Berrybank Terminal Station located approximately 14km east of Lismore and 16km west of Cressy in south-western Victoria. The Berrybank Terminal Station and connection and extension assets were built to provide transmission services for Berrybank Wind Farm to connect to the network.

BACKGROUND

Requirement to obtain a Licence

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

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

Entitlement to apply for a Licence

Section 18 of the Industry Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to transmit electricity.

The applicant

On 27 September 2019, TransGrid submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to transmit electricity.

The application

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's 'Guidance Notes for Applications for Electricity Licences', TransGrid provided the commission with comprehensive documentation supporting the application.

In particular, TransGrid presented information to provide assurance concerning its technical capacity and financial viability.

On 11 June 2020, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application.

The commission did not receive any submissions regarding the application.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the Industry Act provides that, subject to subsections (2) and (3), 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 Industry Act and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (Vic) (Commission Act).

DECISION

The commission is satisfied that:

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

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Industry Act and having regard to its objectives under the Industry Act and the Commission Act, the commission has decided to grant TransGrid a licence to transmit electricity. The authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the transmission of electricity at the connection and extension assets associated with the Berrybank Wind Farm and Berrybank Terminal Station.

THE COMMON SEAL
of the **ESSENTIAL**
SERVICES COMMISSION
was affixed pursuant to the
authority of the Commission
on 14 July 2020

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Kate Symons
Chairperson