

DRAFT EIS Additional information Comments: DIPL Response

Submission on Additional information on the Draft EIS

AA Powerlink Assets Pty Ltd – AA Powerlink Project

This submission is made under regulation 145 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics

Theme or issue	Comment
Planning	<p>In addition to comments provided under statutory controls in the initial EIS submission (Stage 1 Referral), significant variation (Stage 2 Assessment) and additional information, which remain valid, the following comments are provided in regard to the most recent project amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The reduced noise impacts resulting from project amendments are acknowledged as having made progress towards resolution of inconsistencies between the proposed Darwin Converter Site (DCS), Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and the planned Township of Murrumujuk.• At this stage, the proposal is not yet consistent with the strategic land use framework within the NT Planning Scheme, as it would still reduce residential areas identified for future development within the Litchfield Subregional Land Use Plan (2016) as the result of noise conflicts.• The proponent is therefore encouraged to continue to work with the Planning Division of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics in relation to how inconsistencies with the strategic land use framework may be resolved to enable favourable development outcomes for all parties in the future.• It is noted that when a future application for approval under the <i>Planning Act 1999</i> is lodged for the DCS and BESS, this will be a primary consideration of the consent authority at that time.