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Appendix C – Other Matters Required by Schedule 4 of the EPBC Regulations

Australia-Asia PowerLink Environmental Impact Statement



Checklist of Other Matters Required by Schedule 4 of the EPBC Regulations

Regulation reference	Description	Report section/information
1 General information	1.01 The background of the action including:	
	(a) The title of the action.	Title Page
	(b) the full name and postal address of the designated proponent.	Chapter 1, Section 1.7
	(c) a clear outline of the objective of the action.	Chapter 1, Section 1.3
	(d) the location of the action.	Chapter 1, Section 1.2, and Figure 1-2
	(e) the background to the development of the action.	Chapter 1
	f) how the action relates to any other actions (of which the proponent should reasonably be aware) that have been, or are being, taken or that have been approved in the region affected by the action.	Chapter 3 Impact Assessment Section 3.4 and Chapter 18 Whole of Environment includes a summary of existing actions and reasonably foreseeable future proposals that may result in cumulative impacts with the AAPowerLink.
	(g) the current status of the action.	Under assessment
2 Description	h) the consequences of not proceeding with the action.	The proposal could not proceed resulting in a lost opportunity to provide alternatives to fossil fuels, mitigate greenhouse gas generation and generate 14,300 potential direct and indirect jobs in the Northern Territory (Appendix H Carbon Study and Appendix G Economic Assessment).
	2.01 description of the action, including:	
	(a) all the components of the action.	Chapter 2 Project Description
	(b) the precise location of any works to be undertaken, structures to be built or elements of the action that may have relevant impacts.	Chapter 2 Project Description various figures
	(c) how the works are to be undertaken and design parameters for those aspects of the structures or elements of the action that may have relevant impacts.	Chapter 2 Project Description
(d) relevant impacts of the action.	Impacts of the action on the environment are addressed in Chapters 4-16 and 18. Impacts relevant to Matters of National Environmental Significance are addressed in Chapter 16.	
(e) proposed safeguards and mitigation measures to deal with relevant impacts of the action.	Impacts of the action on the environment are addressed in Chapters 4-16 and 18. Impacts	

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		relevant to Matters of National Environmental Significance are addressed in Chapter 16.
	(f) any other requirements for approval or conditions that apply, or that the proponent reasonably believes are likely to apply, to the proposed action.	Not applicable, no approval or conditions currently apply.
	(g) to the extent reasonably practicable, any feasible alternatives to the action, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) if relevant, the alternative of taking no action. ii) a comparative description of the impacts of each alternative on the matters protected by the controlling provisions for the action. iii) sufficient detail to make clear why any alternative is preferred to another. 	The alternative to not undertaking the action is described above under 1(h). The siting of all aspects of the project infrastructure takes into consideration environmental constraints at a landscape level. Details about how sites will be chosen for towers along the OHTL to avoid and mitigate potential environmental impacts at a local scale is described in Chapters 2, 4-16.
	(h) any consultation about the action, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) any consultation that has already taken place. ii) proposed consultation about relevant impacts of the action. iii) if there has been consultation about the proposed action—any documented response to, or result of, the consultation. 	Sun Cable have engaged with the local community as detailed in Appendix F Consultation Report and summarised in Chapter 1 Introduction. Chapter 3 Section 3.5 outlines how the community feedback was incorporated into the impact assessment.
	(i) identification of affected parties, including a statement mentioning any communities that may be affected and describing their views.	The process of identifying relevant stakeholders is included in Appendix F Consultation Report.
3 Relevant impacts	3.01 Information given under paragraph 2.01 (d) must include:	
	(a) a description of the relevant impacts of the action.	Impacts of the action on the environment are addressed in Chapters 4-16 and 18. Impacts relevant to Matters of National Environmental Significance are addressed in Chapter 16.
	(b) a detailed assessment of the nature and extent of the likely short term and long-term relevant impacts.	Chapter 16 assesses the relevant impacts relating to MNES against the significance criteria detailed in <i>Significant impact guidelines 1.1</i> (DEWHA, 2013).
	(c) a statement whether any relevant impacts are likely to be unknown, unpredictable, or irreversible.	Where location specific studies are being undertaken but the results are not known this is highlighted in the EIS document along with any uncertainty regarding the potential impacts.

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	(d) analysis of the significance of the relevant impacts.	Chapter 16 assesses the relevant impacts relating to MNES against the significance criteria detailed in <i>Significant impact guidelines 1.1</i> (DEWHA, 2013).
	(e) any technical data and other information used or needed to make a detailed assessment of the relevant impacts	Chapter 16 references all data used to undertake the assessment of MNES impacts. Where there is insufficient data, this is highlighted and committed to be undertaken and provided in a supplementary document.
4 Proposed safeguards and mitigation measures	<p>4.01 Information given under paragraph 2.01(e) must include:</p> <p>(a) a description, and an assessment of the expected or predicted effectiveness of, the mitigation measures.</p> <p>(b) any statutory or policy basis for the mitigation measures.</p> <p>(c) the cost of the mitigation measures.</p> <p>(d) an outline of an environmental management plan that sets out the framework for continuing management, mitigation, and monitoring programs for the relevant impacts of the action, including any provisions for independent environmental auditing.</p> <p>(e) the name of the agency responsible for endorsing or approving each mitigation measure or monitoring program.</p> <p>(f) a consolidated list of mitigation measures proposed</p>	<p>Chapter 16 includes a discussion on the proposed mitigation measures and their effectiveness for each impact.</p> <p>Where relevant the impacts in Chapter 16 reference the conservation advice and recovery plans provided by the Commonwealth Government.</p> <p>The AAPowerLink proposal has been designed to avoid and mitigate impacts on the environment from the early stages and thus the cost of mitigation measures incorporated into design are difficult to estimate. Other mitigation measures, such as weed management, are in development and thus costings are unavailable at this time.</p> <p>Chapter 17 Environmental Management</p> <p>The EMPs will address all requirements in the Commonwealth of Australia’s <i>Environmental Management Guidelines (2014)</i> and the NTEPA’s <i>Guideline for the Preparation of an Environmental Management Plan</i>. These will be submitted to the Department of the Environment for endorsement.</p> <p>Chapter 17 Environmental</p>

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	to be undertaken to prevent, minimise or compensate for the relevant impacts of the action, including mitigation measures proposed to be taken by State governments, local governments, or the proponent.	Management
5 Other approvals and conditions	5.01 Information given under paragraph 2.01(f) must include:	
	(a) details of any local or State government planning scheme, or plan or policy under any local or State government planning system that deals with the proposed action, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) what environmental assessment of the proposed action has been, or is being, carried out under the scheme, plan, or policy. ii) how the scheme provides for the prevention, minimisation, and management of any relevant impacts. 	Chapter 1 Introduction
	(b) a description of any approval that has been obtained from a State, Territory or Commonwealth agency or authority (other than an approval under the Act), including any conditions that apply to the action	No approvals have been obtained to date in relation to the action.
	(c) a statement identifying any additional approval that is required.	Chapter 1, Section 1.5
	(d) a description of the monitoring, enforcement and review procedures that apply, or are proposed to apply, to the action.	Chapter 17 Environmental Management
6 Environmental record of persons proposing to take the action	6.01 Details of any proceedings under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law for the protection of the environment or the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources against:	Sun Cable has never had proceedings filed against it under Commonwealth, State or Territory law in relation to the protection of the environment, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources.
	(a) the person proposing to take the action	
	(b) for an action for which a person has applied for a permit, the person making the application.	
	6.02 If the person proposing to take the action is a corporation—details of the corporation’s environmental policy and planning framework	Chapter 17 Environmental Management
7 Information sources	7.01 For information given in a draft public environment report or environmental impact statement, the draft must state:	
	(a) the source of the information	Each Chapter of the EIS contains a list of references and where appropriate studies have been attached to the EIS.
	(b) how recent the information is	Each Chapter of the EIS contains a list of references and where appropriate studies have been attached to the EIS.
	(c) how the reliability of the information was tested	Each study contains a summary of the methodology used and uncertainties in relation to the study.

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	(d) what uncertainties (if any) are in the information	Each study contains a summary of the methodology used and uncertainties in relation to the study.