

Friday, 31 August 2018

Attention: Whom it may concern

RE: SAET Feasibility Analysis – SA/NSW Interconnector RIT-T

Maoneng as a responsible market participant who may be affected by the proposed SA/NSW Interconnector encloses a response as part of the consultation process.

Maoneng is a renewable energy development and investment company with interest in several developments within regions that may be affected by the proposed project. Notably, the 200MW AC Sunraysia Solar Farm to be constructed in Balranald will be looking to export energy into the NEM in 2019 at up to 540 GWh per annum. Technical modelling demonstrates that the energy can be used to supply to both VIC and NSW markets. As part of the Sunraysia Solar Farm development, we will be funding the construction of a 400km high quality Fibre Optic Communications Link between Darlington Point Substation and Buronga Substation (Via Balranald Substation).

We are interested to see what comms link (if any), the proposed SA/NSW Interconnector will come with and whether those assets may be shared with generators and/or consumers within the Murray/Riverlink region as this may create profound value for regional communities as we transition into a more interconnected world (from both an Energy and Communications perspective).

Fundamentally we are supportive of the proposed SA/NSW Interconnector from a reliability and security perspective of the NEM as this will provide additional redundancies as well as flow paths to accommodate the transition of Australia's energy mix in the coming years.

Yours Sincerely,

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