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Dear Mr Pollington,

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 2023 requesting authorisation for ACEN Robbins Island Pty Ltd to utilise the provisions of the *Land Acquisition Act 1993* to acquire easements for the purpose of constructing a transmission line for the Jim's Plain and Robbins Island wind farms, in light of the imminent expiry of the current two-year authorisation.

Under section 51(4) of the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995* an electricity entity may only acquire interests in land under the provisions of the *Land Acquisition Act 1993* if authorised by the Minister administering the Electricity Supply Industry Act.

In accordance with established practice in relation to energy infrastructure, I am prepared to provide that authorisation subject to the requirement that, following the issue of any Notices to Treat, ACEN Robbins Island Pty Ltd exercises all reasonable endeavours to acquire its easements through voluntary agreements with the landowners, and will only proceed to the issue of Notices of Acquisition if it has been unable to reach a negotiated agreement.

In accordance with Section 51(4) of the Electricity Supply Industry Act, I hereby authorise ACEN Robbins Island Pty Ltd to acquire, under the provisions of the *Land Acquisition Act 1993*, an easement in accordance with the proposed terms and conditions at Attachment IA (which remain unchanged from the current authorisation) over the properties listed in Attachment IB.

This authorisation will expire in two years from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Energy and Renewables

Text message

Exchanges between Hon Nick Duigan MCL and David Pollington, CEO ACEN

