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Access Agreement for Environmental Works

Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park

Parks Victoria

and

GB Energy (VIC) Pty Limited

ABN 63 615 553 010

1. Definitions

In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears:

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage means Aboriginal cultural heritage within the meaning of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic).

Access Area means the access area described in item 8 of Schedule 1 and includes Parks Victoria's Property.

Agreement means this Agreement.

Associates means any one or more of the members, officers, employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors of the Organisation or of its Related Body Corporate.

Commencement Date means the date set out in item 3 of Schedule 1.

Confidential Information includes all unpatented inventions, ideas, know-how, concepts, trade secrets, processes, techniques, software, products and any and all other unregistered or unpatented intellectual property, financial and business information and all other commercially valuable information of the Disclosing Party which the Disclosing Party regards as confidential to it or which is evident by its nature to be confidential and all copies, notes and records and all related information generated by the Receiving Party based on or arising out of any such disclosure.

Contamination includes any solid, liquid, gas, radiation or substance which makes or may make the condition of the Premises or groundwater beneath or part of the surrounding Environment unsafe, unfit or harmful for habitation by persons or animals or which is defined as such in any Environmental and Heritage Law.

Disclosing Party means the Party that is disclosing Confidential Information.

Environment has the meaning ascribed to that word in the Environment Protection Act 2017 (Vic).

Environmental and Heritage Law means a Law concerning the Environment, persons or property (including, without limitation, a Law concerning land use, planning, heritage (pre- and post-European settlement), preservation of historical buildings and precincts, water catchments, pollution of air or water, noise, soil or ground water contamination, chemicals, waste, use of dangerous goods or substances, building regulations, public health and safety, noxious trades or any other aspect of protection of the Environment or person or property.

Environmental Works means the works described in item 6 of Schedule 1.

Information Privacy Principles means the Information Privacy Principles under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic).

Law includes any Act, regulation, ordinance or statutory instrument, present or future, and the conditions of any licence or permit or similar instrument issued under a Law.

Organisation means the organisation named in item 2 of Schedule 1 and, where it is consistent with the context includes its members, officers, employees, agents, volunteers and invitees.

Organisation's Property means all equipment and other property brought into the Access Area by the Organisation from time to time belonging to the Organisation (excluding any items forming part of the Environmental Works).

Park means the park(s) named in item 5 of Schedule 1.

Parks Victoria means the public authority created by the *Parks Victoria Act 2018* being the party named in item 1 of Schedule 1 and includes its successors and assigns and, where it is consistent with the context, includes its authorised officers, employees and agents.

Parks Victoria's Property means all improvements, structures, equipment and other property from time to time on or comprising the Access Area owned or supplied by Parks Victoria.

Personal Information has the same meaning as under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic).

Receiving Party means the Party that is receiving Confidential Information.

Related Body Corporate has the meaning given to that term in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Scope means the proposal submitted, and approved, by the relevant funding body in respect of the Environmental Works (if applicable), or the Environmental Works scope and specification (as agreed between the parties), including the timing and estimated cost of the Environmental Works, attached to this Agreement at Annexure B.

Sub-contract means the engagement of third parties, including contractors and consultants, to support or undertake work within the Access Area.

Term means the term specified in item 4 of Schedule 1.

2. Access

- 2.1 Parks Victoria grants access to the Access Area to the Organisation for the Term starting on the Commencement Date, subject to the terms contained in this Agreement.
- 2.2 The Organisation may only use the Access Area during the days and hours of use specified at item 7 of Schedule 1.

3. Consideration

Parks Victoria must pay the amount specified in item 9 of Schedule 1, upon demand, to the Organisation. No other consideration or funding shall be payable by Parks Victoria in relation to the Environmental Works or otherwise.

4. Agreement personal

The Organisation confirms and acknowledges that:

- 4.1 the Organisation is granted access to the Access Area to enter and use the Access Area to conduct the Environmental Works and that no interest in the Access Area or the Park is granted to the Organisation; and
- 4.2 the Organisation cannot assign or deal with this Agreement or the rights granted under this Agreement in any way.

5. Use of Access Area

The Organisation must:

- 5.1 not use the Access Area other than for the conduct of the Environmental Works;
- 5.2 not permit any Parks Victoria Property to be used for any purpose other than that for which they were intended;
- 5.3 at its own expense comply on time with all laws and legal requirements concerning the Access Area and the use and occupation of the Access Area;
- 5.4 comply with all reasonable requests or directions given by Parks Victoria in relation to the conduct of the Environmental Works, the Access Area or Park;
- 5.5 not carry out any works to or at the Access Area (including alterations, additions, earthworks and the installation of equipment or signs) except for the Environmental Works;
- 5.6 notify Parks Victoria as soon as the Organisation becomes aware of any damage to the Access Area;
- 5.7 not do anything which shall or may be a nuisance or annoyance to Parks Victoria or other persons using any other part of the Park or areas adjacent to the Access Area;
- 5.8 not obstruct, interrupt or permit the obstruction or interruption of the use, occupation or enjoyment of, by any person lawfully entitled to use any part of the Access Area or Park (unless authorised in writing by Parks Victoria);
- 5.9 not light or allow to be lit any fires in the Access Area or the Park;
- 5.10 not enter the Park at all on days that have a high, extreme or catastrophic fire danger rating applicable to the Park;
- 5.11 not enter the Access Area or Park if temporarily closed to the public for the purpose of public safety during flood recovery, fire recovery, construction and maintenance of infrastructure, and animal control operations (unless authorised in writing by Parks Victoria);
- 5.12 not remove native vegetation (unless otherwise agreed in writing by Parks Victoria or the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action);
- 5.13 not drive a vehicle off public access roads (unless otherwise agreed in writing by Parks Victoria); and
- 5.14 keep the Access Area and the Park clean, tidy and free from garbage and refuse attributable to the Organisation's use of the Access Area and the Park.

6. Environmental Works

6.1 The Organisation must:

- 6.1.1 carry out the Environmental Works strictly in accordance with the Scope (unless otherwise agreed in writing by Parks Victoria);

- 6.1.2 not Sub-contract any of the Environmental Works without Parks Victoria’s consent; and
- 6.1.3 remove the Organisation's Property from the Access Area (and Park) at the end of each day of use of the Access Area (unless otherwise agreed in writing by Parks Victoria).
- 6.2 The Organisation acknowledges and agrees that:
- 6.2.1 the Organisation remains fully responsible for, and will not be relieved from any liability arising from, the Environmental Works by the Organisation's use of third parties or volunteers to deliver the Environmental Works; and
- 6.2.2 the occupational health and safety of those persons conducting the Environmental Works is the responsibility of the Organisation (other than to the extent Parks Victoria cannot at law contract out of its obligations with respect to occupational health and safety).
- 6.3 If required by Parks Victoria, the Organisation must, prior to the commencement of any Environmental Works, ensure that all persons conducting the Environmental Works (or an agreed representative) attend a site induction conducted by Parks Victoria.
- 6.4 In carrying out the Environmental Works, the Organisation must:
- 6.4.1 comply with all Laws and any applicable Australian Standards including obtaining all necessary approvals or authorisations from Victorian and Commonwealth agencies;
- 6.4.2 ensure that there is no risk to the environment or the health, safety and welfare of its employees, agents, contractors and invitees;
- 6.4.3 as soon as practicable notify Parks Victoria of any incident or dangerous occurrence at the Access Area or the Park which is notifiable to WorkSafe Victoria pursuant to the provisions of any occupational health and safety laws;
- 6.4.4 take every reasonable precaution to prevent Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the Access Area or the Park being damaged; and
- 6.4.5 immediately notify Parks Victoria of the discovery of any Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.
- 6.5 Without limiting clause 6.4, the Organisation must not spill or deposit, or carry out any activities in the Access Area which may cause any Contamination, or permit any Contamination to escape in any way into or on the Access Area, drainage or the surrounding Environment. The Organisation must immediately notify Parks Victoria if any Contamination is found in, on, under or migrating from the Access Area.
- 6.6 The Organisation is responsible for any damage to the Access Area or to the Park (including soil disturbance or erosion or damage to vegetation) to the extent caused or contributed to by the act, omission or default of the Organisation and unless Parks Victoria notifies the Organisation to the contrary, the necessary repairs, rehabilitation or revegetation will be carried out by Parks Victoria at the Organisation’s cost and the Organisation must reimburse those costs on demand.

7. Suspension of Environmental Works

Parks Victoria may direct the Organisation to immediately cease or suspend the Environmental Works in cases of emergency or at any time Parks Victoria considers it reasonably necessary in the interests of public safety or the protection of the Park. If directed by Parks Victoria, the Organisation must immediately suspend the progress or the whole or part of the Environmental Works for such time as Parks Victoria directs.

8. Insurance

8.1 The Organisation must at its cost effect and maintain throughout the Term, with a reputable insurer:

8.1.1 a public, and if relevant, products liability insurance policy for not less than \$20 million in respect of any single claim arising out of the activities of the Organisation (**Policy**), covering all third party claims arising out of:

- (a) loss, including financial loss, destruction or damage to real or personal property and ensuing loss of use of that property; and
- (b) death, injury to, or disease of persons;

8.1.2 a workers' compensation policy which covers any damage, loss or liability suffered or incurred by any person engaged by the Organisation arising:

- (a) by virtue of any statute relating to workers' or accident compensation or employers' liability; and/or
- (b) at common law; and

8.1.3 any other insurances required by law or reasonably required by Parks Victoria.

8.2 The Organisation must provide Parks Victoria with:

8.2.1 a certificate of currency for the Policy prior to the Commencement Date and within 14 days of the renewal of the Policy throughout the Term and at any other time upon request by Parks Victoria; and

8.2.2 a copy of the Policy upon request by Parks Victoria; and

8.2.3 evidence of confirmation of registration with the Victorian WorkCover Authority prior to the Commencement Date and at any other time upon request by Parks Victoria.

8.3 The Organisation must promptly notify Parks Victoria if an event occurs at the Access Area which may give rise to a claim under or prejudice the Policy or if the Policy is cancelled.

8.4 The Organisation must effect and maintain all insurances on terms and conditions (including as to excess) which are reasonable and customary for an organisation engaging in activities of the kind referred to and permitted by this Agreement.

9. Organisation's obligations at end of agreement

9.1 Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement the Organisation must:

9.1.1 cease to carry out any Environmental Works to or at the Access Area; and

9.1.2 remove the Organisation's Property from the Access Area.

9.2 Any Organisation's Property left on the Access Area shall become the absolute property of Parks Victoria and may be dealt with or disposed of by Parks Victoria in any manner Parks Victoria deems appropriate, with no entitlement to compensation for the Organisation.

10. Parks Victoria's rights

- 10.1 Parks Victoria may enter the Access Area at any time to inspect, maintain or repair or alter the Access Area.
- 10.2 In an emergency, under threat of an emergency or in connection with a major event to be held at the Park, or if Parks Victoria considers it reasonably necessary in the interests of public safety or the protection of the Park, Parks Victoria may restrict or prevent access to the Park or the Access Area or any part thereof and conduct, or authorise any other person to conduct, works in or about the Access Area, and the Organisation shall not be entitled to any compensation if Parks Victoria exercises its rights under this clause.
- 10.3 Any consent or approval to be given by Parks Victoria may be given by Parks Victoria conditionally or unconditionally or withheld at Parks Victoria's absolute discretion. If conditions are imposed by Parks Victoria, the Organisation must comply with each condition imposed by Parks Victoria as if it were a provision of this Agreement.
- 10.4 If the Organisation fails to comply with clause 5.14, Parks Victoria may clean the Access Area and the Park and remove any garbage or refuse, at the Organisation's cost.

11. Termination

- 11.1 If the Organisation does not comply with any obligation under this Agreement, Parks Victoria may end this Agreement by giving written notice to the Organisation.
- 11.2 Parks Victoria can terminate this Agreement at any time at Parks Victoria's discretion by giving written notice to the Organisation.

12. Dispute resolution

- 12.1 A party must not commence legal proceedings in respect of a dispute arising under or in connection with this Agreement unless it has complied with this clause 12.
- 12.2 Each party agrees that the dispute must be referred for mediation, at the request of the other party, to:
- 12.2.1 a mediator agreed on by the parties; or
 - 12.2.2 if the parties are unable to agree on a mediator within 7 days, a mediator nominated by the Chair of the Resolution Institute or the Chair's designated representative.
- 12.3 Each party must bear its own costs of complying with this clause and the parties must bear equally the costs of any mediator engaged.

13. Release and Indemnity

- 13.1 The Organisation agrees that it has not relied upon any representation by or on behalf of Parks Victoria concerning the Access Area and occupies and uses the Access Area at its own risk.
- 13.2 The Organisation releases Parks Victoria from:

13.2.1 all claims and demands resulting from any accident, damage, death or injury occurring at the Access Area, or any other area used by the Organisation in connection with this Agreement; and

13.2.2 all loss, liability or other detriment (direct or consequential) suffered or incurred by the Organisation,

as a direct or indirect result of the Organisation's occupation and use of the Access Area (including the conduct of the Environmental Works) or any other area in connection with this Agreement, except to the extent caused or contributed to by the negligence of Parks Victoria.

13.3 To the extent permitted by law, the Organisation must indemnify and hold harmless Parks Victoria against all claims, losses and expenses (direct or consequential) suffered or incurred by Parks Victoria or for which Parks Victoria is or may be or become liable concerning:

13.3.1 the default of the Organisation under this Agreement;

13.3.2 the Organisation's use of the Access Area or any other area in connection with this Agreement (including the conduct of the Environmental Works); or

13.3.3 loss, damage or injury to property or persons or death of any person caused or contributed to by the act, omission, default or negligence of the Organisation,

except to the extent caused or contributed to by the negligence of Parks Victoria.

13.4 Each indemnity in this Agreement is a continuing obligation, separate and independent from the other obligations of the Organisation and survives expiry or termination of this Agreement.

14. Miscellaneous

14.1 Any notice or consent to be given under this Agreement, may be given by a party or its agent, must be in writing, and given by post or delivery to the last known address of that party or to that party's address as shown in Schedule 1. A posted letter is taken to be received on the third day after posting.

14.2 No variations to this Agreement will be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.

14.3 If this Agreement prohibits the Organisation from doing a thing, the Organisation must:

14.3.1 ensure the Organisation's members, officers, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests and invitees of the Organisation not do that thing; and

14.3.2 not allow or cause any person to do that thing.

14.4 If this Agreement requires the Organisation to do a thing, the Organisation must ensure that, if applicable, the Organisation's members, officers, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests and invitees of the Organisation do that thing.

14.5 If there is an inconsistency between a special condition in Schedule 1 and another provision of this Agreement, the special condition prevails.

15. Goods and Services Tax

- 15.1 In this clause words and expressions that are not defined in this Agreement but which have a defined meaning in the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth) have the same meaning as in that Act.
- 15.2 Any consideration payable by any party under this Agreement is the GST exclusive amount of the taxable supply for which payment is to be made. A party liable to pay for a taxable supply in connection with this Agreement must also pay, at the same time and in the same manner as the consideration, the amount of any GST payable in respect of the taxable supply, subject to receipt of a tax invoice.
- 15.3 Where this Agreement requires a party (**first party**) to pay, reimburse or contribute to an amount paid or payable by the other party (**other party**) in respect of an acquisition from, or a transaction with a third party for which the other party is entitled to claim an input tax credit, the amount for payment, reimbursement or contribution will be the GST exclusive value of the acquisition by the other party plus any GST payable in respect of the other party's recovery from the first party.

16. Confidential Information

- 16.1 When receiving Confidential Information, the Receiving Party must:
- 16.1.1 keep all Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party confidential, unless strictly required otherwise by law;
 - 16.1.2 limit access to those of its personnel reasonably requiring the Confidential Information on a strictly need to know basis;
 - 16.1.3 not use any Confidential Information in any way other than for the Services or as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement without the prior written permission of the Disclosing Party; and
 - 16.1.4 ensure that all Persons to whom Confidential Information is disclosed by or on behalf of the Receiving Party are legally bound under the terms and conditions of their contract, employment agreements or otherwise, to keep the Confidential Information confidential and not to use the Confidential Information except in relation to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 16.2 Confidential Information excludes, or as the case requires, ceases to include information, which:
- 16.2.1 is, or becomes available to the public at or after the date of its disclosure to the Receiving Party otherwise than through the default of the Receiving Party; or
 - 16.2.2 is, or becomes properly in the possession of the Receiving Party otherwise than by prior confidential disclosure from the Disclosing Party; or
 - 16.2.3 is demonstrated by the Receiving Party to be independently developed by an employee or agent of the Receiving Party having no knowledge of such information which is the subject of the disclosure.
- 16.3 Subject to the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic), at the termination or expiration of this Agreement, and upon the written request of the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party must return any documents which embody Confidential Information and must not keep any copies in any form.

17. Disclosure and Freedom of Information

Despite any provision of this Agreement to the contrary (including clause 16.1), the Organisation acknowledges and agrees that:

- 17.1 Parks Victoria retains the right to publish this Agreement in its entirety, subject to information deemed by Parks Victoria to be commercial-in-confidence, on its website or other online medium accessible by the general public; and
- 17.2 any information passed between the parties, including Confidential Information, may be required to be released by Parks Victoria under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)* or to satisfy the disclosure requirements of the Victorian Auditor-General, the Victorian Government or the Commonwealth Government (**Public Disclosure Obligations**); and
- 17.3 it must, at its own cost and expense, use its best endeavours to assist Parks Victoria in meeting its Public Disclosure Obligations.

18. Not used

19. Prohibited Gifts

The Organisation warrants that neither it nor any of its Associates:

- 19.1.1 has offered an inducement, gift or other benefit (directly or indirectly) to any officer or employee of Parks Victoria; or
- 19.1.2 will offer an inducement, gift or other benefit (directly or indirectly) to any officer or employee of Parks Victoria.

20. Privacy

- 20.1 The Organisation must, in respect of Personal Information held in connection with this Agreement:
 - 20.1.1 comply with the Information Privacy Principles, or any relevant legislative provisions that bind Parks Victoria, with respect to any act done, or practice engaged in, by the Organisation, or any of its Associates including, without limitation, using Personal Information only for the purposes of fulfilling the Organisation's obligations under this Agreement and not disclosing Personal Information without written authority from Parks Victoria, except for the purpose of fulfilling the Organisation's obligations under this Agreement;
 - 20.1.2 immediately notify Parks Victoria where it becomes aware of a breach of clause 20.1.1 by the Organisation, or any of its Associates; and
 - 20.1.3 indemnify and keep indemnified and hold harmless Parks Victoria and its employees against any liability incurred or loss or damage suffered by Parks Victoria or its employees arising out of or in connection with a breach of clause 20.1.1 by the Organisations, or any of its Associates.
- 20.2 Without limiting the general nature of clause 17 if during the term of this Agreement, Parks Victoria gives notice to the Organisation that it proposes to audit, either directly or through its auditors, the Organisation's information handling practices, the Organisation must provide all reasonable assistance to the party conducting such an audit.

20.3 The operation of this clause 20 survives the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

21. Counterparts and electronic execution

21.1 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and all of those counterparts taken together constitute one and the same instrument. The counterparts may be consolidated into a single document. Counterparts may be exchanged by emailing a scanned pdf copy of the original executed counterpart. An executed PDF copy of this Agreement shall be taken to be sufficient evidence of execution.

21.2 A party may sign electronically a soft copy of this Agreement by DocuSign or any other means of electronic execution approved by Parks Victoria that satisfies any statutory or other requirements for this Agreement to be in writing and signed by that party and bind itself accordingly and each other party consents to that party signing by such electronic means. The parties intend that any soft copy so signed will constitute an executed original counterpart, and any print-out of the copy with the relevant signatures appearing will also constitute an executed original counterpart. Each signatory confirms that their signature appearing in this Agreement, including any such print-out (irrespective of which party printed it), is their personal signature.

Executed as an agreement.

Signed for and on behalf of **Parks Victoria** by its
authorised officer:)
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Signature of authorised officer

Kerri Villiers

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Name of authorised officer

Regional Director Gippsland

04-02-2026

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Position of authorised officer

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Date

Signed for and on behalf of GB Energy (VIC) Pty
Limited by its authorised officer:)
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Signature of authorised officer

David Standfield

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Name of authorised officer

Project Director

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Position of authorised officer

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Date

Schedule 1

1	Parks Victoria:	c/- Regional Director, Gippsland Level 30, 300 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Vic, 3000
2	Organisation:	GB Energy (VIC) Pty Limited ABN 63 615 553 010 Level 18, 90 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia
3	Commencement Date:	1 January 2026
4	Term:	1 January 2026 – 31 December 2026
5	Park(s):	Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park
6	Environmental Works:	Environmental surveys provided that the Organisation must not undertake any construction or development works or install any infrastructure or remove or otherwise interfere with indigenous wildlife or wildlife habitat
7	Days and Hours of Use:	During Park opening hours
8	Access Area:	As shown on the plans attached at Annexure A.
9	Consideration:	\$1 including GST (if demanded) per annum
10	Special conditions:	The following special conditions will also bind the parties: a) Vehicle beach access is only permitted via the access route at Delray Beach boat launch site, as shown on the plan at Annexure A. b) Driving on the beach is limited to necessary survey works only and vehicles must be removed from the beach when not in use. c) Signage is to be displayed at appropriate locations and on vehicles during works to inform the public that surveys are in progress. d) Consent is granted to engage specialist subcontractors and subject matter experts to undertake works approved via this agreement. e) The location of any beach nesting birds in the survey area must be identified prior to survey works commencing. Vehicles and shore based movements are not to approach within 100m of any beach nesting birds. Additional care must be taken during Hooded Plover breeding season.

- f) Works are to be completed in accordance with the conditions of the Cultural Heritage Permit, MACA consent and any other required statutory approvals.

Annexure A

Plan of Area Involved

SPI Number	Parcel Number	Land Description	Crown Land Status	Land Manager
7B\PP2558	P263407	C/A 7B, Parish of Dulungalong	Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park	Parks Victoria



- The darker shade green polygon is where the environmental surveys will occur. The topography and feature survey (if needed) at the shore area will also occur here.
- The yellow lines are the approximate route for where the geophysical survey is to occur (see Figure 5).
- The light green rectangle is the total area where any surveys are likely to occur (eg. Ordnance). (This area is a worse case scenario only should the survey area be needed to be broadened eg. length of the shore area).
- This area is between Maritime Court and Firefly Road.
- Source: Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) - DEECA

Annexure B

Scope

GB Energy is proposing to conduct environmental, geophysical, feature, topographical and ordnance surveys. All surveys are non-invasive in nature and are a series of non-invasive, no-clearing field surveys and will be conducted using handheld or surface-based equipment with minimal environmental impact. Any vehicle use will be limited to road reserves already disturbed and sand area closer to shore, within the Crown land area.

The surveys include:

- Environmental surveys to assess biodiversity, habitat conditions, and potential environmental sensitivities.
- Onshore geophysical surveys to characterise the subsurface profile using seismic techniques, supporting geophysical understanding close to the shore crossing.
- Topographical, feature and ordnance surveys to map land elevations, surface features, confirm no underground utilities, and check for any drainage patterns across the right of way and identify any safety risks in areas with a history of military activity.

The surveys are required for the Project to comply with its EES commitments. They will also ensure the project is planned, designed, and delivered responsibly, safely, and in compliance with environmental and regulatory obligations. Specifically, they serve to:

- Identify environmental and cultural sensitivities to avoid or minimise impact to flora, fauna, heritage sites, and surrounding ecosystems.
- Facilitate regulatory approvals by supplying the necessary baseline information for environmental assessments, planning submissions and permits.
- Support informed design and engineering by providing accurate data on landform, subsurface conditions, and physical features across the project area.
- Mitigate any safety risks, such as potential exposure to unexploded ordnance (UXO) in areas with a history of military activity, if any.
- Reduce construction risks and delays by identifying any constraints early or identify any unsuitable ground conditions.

All surveys are non-invasive and involve no clearing of vegetation, no excavation, and no use of heavy machinery. The work is carried out with minimal environmental impact, using handheld or surface-based equipment only. Key details include:

- Access: Survey personnel will access the area on foot where dense vegetation is present, and some vehicles or motorised equipment to access the area but limited to existing formed roads where appropriate.
- Equipment: Lightweight, portable equipment such as GPS units, geophones, magnetometers, seismic source, field tablets, cameras, and utility locators will be used. No intrusive drilling or soil penetration is proposed.
- Vegetation: No vegetation will be removed or disturbed. Care will be taken to avoid trampling sensitive flora and fauna.
- Excavation: No excavation or ground disturbance is required for any of the survey activities.
- Public Access: Where surveys are conducted near public areas, appropriate signage or spotters may be used to maintain safety without requiring formal exclusion zones. Any traffic impact would only be temporary in nature but it is not likely a significant impact based on the nature of the surveys.

Key survey activities include:

- Manual layout of geophones on the ground surface at regular spacing intervals.
- Use of seismic sources to transmit energy waves into the ground.
- Real-time data collection from geophones connected to a surface acquisition system.
- Implementation of MASW (Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves) technique to interpret subsurface layering.

- Analysis of reflected seismic signals to identify subsurface features relevant to geotechnical conditions and construction feasibility, using different data points based on the different terrains to enhance data quality and subsurface imaging accuracy.

Equipment:

Surveyors will use low-impact, portable instruments suitable for surface deployment, including:

- Seismic sources (e.g. hammer source or weight drop system, no penetration of land). Some parts of the MASW technique will require a vehicle-mounted Seismic Weight Drop system (SWD) due to the required depth of the geophysical investigation (>50m).
- Surface acquisition units with connected geophones.
- Cables (~12- to 24 meters), connectors, and data loggers.
- Land streamer system for efficient repositioning.
- Tablets or field notebooks for recording geophysical data and field notes.
- No intrusive drilling or soil penetration involved.
- Some survey lines will be carried out using a vehicle (on beach and road) and some lines will be carried out along foot trails using a hand-winch to avoid vegetation and potential disturbance to any fauna.

Parks Vic - Access Agreement (Geophysical Survey)

Final Audit Report

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