

# Planning and Development (Conditional Environmental Significance Opinion – Numerous blocks, Belconnen, Molonglo Valley, Weston Creek and Curtin – Evoenergy Transmission Line Replacement) Notice 2019 (No 2)

Notifiable instrument NI2019–6

made under the

Planning and Development Act 2007, s 138AD (Requirements in relation to environmental significance opinions)

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Planning and Development (Conditional Environmental Significance Opinion – Numerous blocks, Belconnen, Molonglo Valley, Weston Creek and Curtin – Evoenergy Transmission Line Replacement) Notice 2019 (No 2)*.

## 2 Conditional Environmental Significance Opinion

(1) On 17 December 2018, the ACT Heritage Council, pursuant to section 138AB(4) of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* (the **Act**), gave the Applicant a conditional environmental significance opinion in relation to replacement, on Numerous blocks, Belconnen, Molonglo Valley, Weston Creek and Curtin, of overhead earth wires associated with Evoenergy's 132KV network.

(2) In this section:

***Conditional environmental significance opinion*** means the opinion in the schedule.

*Note* Under section 138AD(6) of the Act, the conditional environmental significance opinion and this notice expire 18 months after the day the notice is notified.

Ben Ponton  
Chief Planning Executive  
4 January 2019



## ACT Heritage Council

## HERITAGE ADVICE

### *Environmental Significance Opinion*

ACTPLA Reference: 201800055-ESO-01  
 Heritage Reference: Utilities - Evoenergy  
 Contact Officer: EG  
 Received by Council: 21 November 2018  
 Due date: 3 January 2019

**TO:** ACT planning and land authority  
 Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate  
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Division / District:	Heritage Place:
Belconnen to Woden	Kama Woodland, WB4 and CLB12 (B12)

Status of Place: Registered Heritage Places:  
 Description of Works: Aerial Cable Hauling  
 Report Details: “Evoenergy OPGW Maintenance Works” (Purdon, 2018)  
 Council Advice provided by: Manager (Approvals and Advice)

Pursuant to Section 138AB of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* and Section 60 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, the ACT Heritage Council advises that:

- The proposal is unlikely to have a significant adverse environmental impact,** subject to compliance with the conditions described below.

### Background:

On 21 November 2018, an Environmental Significance Opinion (ESO) was sought from the ACT Heritage Council (the Council) on proposed Evoenergy maintenance works within existing electrical transmission lines, within the Districts of Belconnen and Woden.

Evoenergy is proposing to replace existing 132kV power lines, within approximately 15 kilometres of existing easements, using a trailer mounted cable pulling machine, which requires two large concrete blocks to be placed with it as an anchor. Access will be along existing access pathways. Work areas are approximately 10 metres squared, located on flat ground. No earthworks or vegetation removal is anticipated.

Review of the ACT Heritage Register identifies that three heritage places occur in the vicinity of proposed works, being two Aboriginal places (recorded as ‘WB4’ and ‘CLB12 (B12)’ ) and one natural heritage place (Kama Woodland/Grassland).

Planned maintenance works are unlikely to impact WB4 and CLB12 (B12), as both sites are not adjacent to existing towers and not located on access tracks.

Planned maintenance works are also unlikely to impact the heritage significance of the Kama Woodland/Grassland heritage area, as no ground disturbing activities are proposed and as vehicles will use existing access tracks.

While unrecorded heritage places and objects may occur within existing easements, further detrimental impacts are unlikely due to the small scale of proposed works and their focus on areas of existing infrastructure.

**Advice:**

The Council advises that proposal is unlikely to have a significant adverse environmental impact, subject to the following conditions:

1. Works are to be constrained to the areas highlighted in “*Evoenergy OPGW Maintenance Works*” (Purdon, 2018);
2. Vehicle access is to be limited to existing tracks only;and
3. Should any unrecorded heritage places or objects be encountered during works, works at that location are to cease to allow for heritage assessment and management (in accordance with Sections 74 and 75 of the *Heritage Act 2004*) and the discovery is to be reported to the Council within five working days (in accordance with Section 51 of the *Heritage Act 2004*).



Meaghan Russell  
**Manager (Approvals and Advice) (as delegate for),**  
**ACT Heritage Council**

17 December 2018