



TransGrid

QNI Minor Upgrade Project | Contingent Project Application – Confidentiality claims

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Confidentiality Claims

This document identifies confidential information in our Contingent Project Application (Application) for the Queensland New South Wales Interconnector (QNI) Minor Upgrade Project (QNI Project) for the 2018-19 to 2022-23 (2018-23) regulatory period.

Table 1 sets out the confidential information in the documents and models that comprise our Application together with the reasons why we consider this information to be commercial-in-confidence. This document has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) Confidentiality Guideline.

Table 1 – Confidential information in our QNI Project Application

Title page and paragraph number	Description of the confidential information	Topic of the confidential information	Confidentiality category	Why the confidential information falls into the selected category	How and why detriment would be caused from disclosing the confidentiality information	Why the identified detriment is not outweighed by the public benefit
1. QNI Minor Upgrade Project - Contingent Project Application						
No confidential information						
2. Capex forecasting methodology for QNI Minor Upgrade Project						
Section 12.2.4, p. 36	Capex	Other indirect capex	Market sensitive cost inputs	Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's and the third-party's commercial interests.	Revealing personal information and unit rates for procuring particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
3. Corporate and network overhead forecast for QNI Minor Upgrade Project						
Section 5.3.3.1, p. 12	Capex	Property – location of preferred new office space	Strategic information	Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's commercial interests	Revealing this information could inhibit procuring the new office space at competitive rates	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
Table 5.4, pp. 13-14	Capex	Project Development – IT costs	Strategic information	Public disclosure could potentially	Public disclosure of contractor costs for particular types of	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear,

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				harm TransGrid's commercial interests	materials or services could harm TransGrid's business interests	we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
Table 5.7, p. 16	Capex	Consulting fees for preparing QNI Application	Market sensitive cost inputs	TransGrid's relationship with the vendor could be impaired Revealing cost breakdowns of project elements may provide potential bidders an advantage during tendering.	Revealing this information could inhibit procuring these services at competitive rates in the future.	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
Section 6.3, p.21 and 22	Capex	Insurance during construction	Market sensitive cost inputs	Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's and the third-party's commercial interests.	Revealing personal information and unit rates for procuring particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
Table 6.5, p.22	Capex	Insurance during construction				
4. Capex Model						

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Input tab, cells B49:B51, B53:B56 and B60:B61	Capex	Tenderer – capex – tenderer details	Market sensitive cost inputs	Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's and the third-party's commercial interests.	TransGrid's relationship with the vendor could be impaired Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's and the third-party's commercial interests.	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.

5. GHD Independent engineering capex verification and assessment

No confidential information

6. Houston Kemp – Consistency of TransGrid's proposed capex for the QNI minor upgrade with the NER requirements

Section 4.4.4, p. 22	Capex	Other indirect capex	Market sensitive cost inputs	Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's and the third-party's commercial interests.	Revealing personal information and unit rates for procuring particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
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7. Opex forecasting methodology for QNI Minor Upgrade Project

Table 2.2, p.4, section 3.3, p.5,	Opex	Insurance	Market sensitive cost inputs	Revealing detailed build-up of estimated insurance premium costs for procuring	Revealing this information could inhibit procuring	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of
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section 3.4.2 and Table 3.3, pp.9-10				particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future. Disclosure could therefore harm TransGrid's commercial interests and ultimately increase costs passed onto customers TransGrid's relationship with the insurance broker could be impaired.	insurance at competitive rates	any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
Section 3.4 page 7, Table 3.1 – 'Maintenance activity' column	Opex	Maintenance	Market intelligence	Details of maintenance plans for the assets	Public disclosure of this information could undermine TransGrid in future negotiations with suppliers.	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
8. Opex Model						

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'Inputs' – Cells C32:C34, C37:C48, C51:C59, and C62:C65, Cells F32:F34, F37:F48, F51:F59, and F62:F65, and Cells L32:M34, L37:M48, L51:M59, and L62:M65	Opex	Maintenance	Market intelligence	Details of maintenance plans for the assets	Public disclosure of this information could undermine TransGrid in future negotiations with suppliers.	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
'Inputs' – Cells R32:S34, R37:S48, R51:S59, and R62:S65	Opex	Maintenance	Market sensitive cost inputs	Details of maintenance task unit rates	Revealing unit rates for procuring particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
'Inputs' – Cells C74 and O75	Opex	Insurance	Market sensitive cost inputs	Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's and the third-party's commercial interests.	Revealing personal information and unit rates for procuring particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.

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9 – QNI Aon Insurance						
Page 4	Capex and capex	Insurance – construction and operational phase estimated costs	Market sensitive cost inputs	Revealing detailed build-up of estimated insurance premium costs for procuring particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future. Disclosure could therefore harm TransGrid's commercial interests and ultimately increase costs passed onto customers TransGrid's relationship with the insurance broker could be impaired.	Revealing this information could inhibit procuring insurance at competitive rates	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
Page 16	Capex and capex					
Page 17	Capex and capex					
Page 20	Capex and capex					
10. QNI Post-Tax Revenue Model						
No confidential information						
11. QNI Corporate and network overhead spreadsheet						
s6.3. insurance – Cell F4:G4	Capex	Insurance during construction	Market sensitive cost inputs	Public disclosure could potentially harm TransGrid's	Revealing personal information and unit rates for procuring	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear,

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				and the third-party's commercial interests.	particular types of materials or services could set a floor in the market when procuring such services in the future	we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.
<p>The following tabs in the model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Delivery Res Cost • WD Labour Data • Works Delivery Labour FTEs • Works Delivery Labour Hrs • PD-Labour(&related) • PD-NonLabour • PD – Labour Estimate • L&E-Labour(&related) • L&E-NonLabour • SHC-Labour(&related) 	This has staff names, contractor or consultant details, salary information and consultant fee estimates	Works Delivery, Project Development, Land and Environment, and Stakeholder and Community Engagement – labour and non-labour costs	Personal information Market sensitive cost inputs	Information that is related to the individual staff members, contractors or consultants can be identified	<p>Compliance with Privacy Law</p> <p>Revealing this information could inhibit procuring these services at competitive rates</p> <p>Public disclosure of this information could undermine the request for quote, request for tender and negotiating strategies to achieve efficient costs.</p>	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHC-NonLabour 						
12. QNI capex forecast inputs						
<p>The following tabs in this model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SVC Armidale and Dumaresq CBs Tamworth CB Armidale Substation Dumaresq Substation Tamworth Substation Transmission Lines Substation HV Switchgear Transmission Line Insulators 	Capex	Tendered works	Market sensitive cost inputs and personal information	Publishing the material may prejudice future tender and commercial negotiation processes between TransGrid and its potential service providers.	<p>Revealing this information could inhibit procuring these services at competitive rates</p> <p>Public disclosure of this information could undermine the request for quote, request for tender and negotiating strategies to achieve efficient costs.</p>	While the detriment of publishing the information is clear, we are not aware of any public benefit in publicly disclosing this information that could outweigh the detriment.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controls & Auxiliary • Comms • Protection Relays • Dumaresq Sub Upgrade • Armidale Design Work 						