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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Comments on SSD-50505215 EIS for Bullawah Wind Farm**

Please find below the comments from Hay Shire Council on the Bullawah Wind Farm EIS on exhibition until 23/9/2024:

- Page (ixv) - Waste Management – require a waste management agreement with Council
- Page 52 – Port to Hay and local transport routes. Concurrence will be required with Council, along with full dilapidation survey, and pavement upgrades of Jerilderie Road, plus s138 road opening permit.
- Page 60 – temporary facilities – may require some approvals from Council i.e. s68 for onsite sewage treatment
- Page 60 – roadside parking along Jerilderie Road – will require concurrence with Council.
- Page 72 - may require some approvals from Council i.e. s68 for onsite sewage treatment; Waste Management – require a waste management agreement with Council
- Page 75 – temporary facilities - may require some approvals from Council i.e. s68 for onsite sewage treatment; Waste Management – require a waste management agreement with Council
- Page 80 – transport routes – note comment that upgrades to the transport routes from Port of Newcastle to Hay is not part of the project.
- Page 81-82 – local transport routes – Jerilderie Road would not be able to withstand the proposed heavy vehicle loading required. Concurrence is required with Council in regards to road upgrade, dilapidation survey, intersection designs, etc.
- Page 84 – recycled water – the use of recycled water may require Council or other agency approvals.
- Page 86 – decommissioning – minimum depth the remove in ground infrastructure should be specified – suggested at 1000mm. Is there any proposed bond to cover decommissioning costs if this occurs – as the document states the applicant will fund the decommissioning – how is this ensured?
- Page 110 & 111 – Council's not listed a key government agency consultation.
- Page 116 – Council has concerns regarding impact on local roads (Jerilderie Road) and waste management.
- Page 151 – spread of weeds/biosecurity – plant & equipment to be washed down prior to coming to site and before leaving site.
- Page 177 - spread of weeds/biosecurity – plant & equipment to be washed down prior to coming to site and before leaving site.
- Page 179 – required detail and effective erosion and sedimentation control plan for the whole project. Little detail provided for mitigation measures.
- Page 180 – may require a Fisheries Permit when working in or near a water course.
- Page 254 - local transport routes – Jerilderie Road would not be able to withstand the proposed heavy vehicle loading required. Concurrence is required with Council in regard to road upgrade, dilapidation survey, intersection designs, etc. There is an expectation that the developer will maintain Jerilderie Road for the course of the project.
- Page 265 - recycled water – the use of recycled water may require Council or other agency approvals.
- Page 305 – does not consider the impact on telecommunications from the influx of workers in the local mobile network. Developer needs to consult with Telstra to increase the band width to accommodate the increase in people/mobile devices.

- Page 313 – request lighting to all WTG’s and WMT’s.
- Page 315 – Hay Shire Council has a full recycling facility, opened July 2024, and able to take most waste streams. Hay Shire Council ask for required of approval to have a Waste Management Agreement with the developer and we can work together in waste management and recycling.
- Page 320 - minimum depth the remove in ground infrastructure should be greater than 500mm – suggested at 1000mm. Is there any proposed bond to cover decommissioning costs if this occurs – as the document states the applicant will fund the decommissioning – how is this ensured?

#### **Appendix 12 – Traffic Impact Assessment**

- Page vii – Hay Shire Council requests a copy of the ‘Port to REZ’ MOU between EnergyCo and TfNSW in regards to transport routes.
- Page 22 - Jerilderie Road would not be able to withstand the proposed heavy vehicle loading required. Concurrence will be required with Council, along with full dilapidation survey, and pavement upgrades of Jerilderie Road, plus s138 road opening permit.
- Page 53 - Jerilderie Road would not be able to withstand the proposed heavy vehicle loading required. Concurrence will be required with Council, along with full dilapidation survey, and pavement upgrades of Jerilderie Road.
- Page 60 – Council disagrees that no road upgrades are required for accommodate construction traffic. Jerilderie Road would not be able to withstand the proposed heavy vehicle loading required. Concurrence will be required with Council, along with full dilapidation survey, and pavement upgrades of Jerilderie Road.
- Page 52 – Appendix A – stock grids will require an assessment if can carry proposed loads.
- Page 53 – Appendix A - Jerilderie Road would not be able to withstand the proposed heavy vehicle loading required. An upgrade of the road will be required. Eurolie Creek crossing on Jerilderie Road will require an engineer assessment, as this structure is unlikely to withstand construction traffic.

#### **Appendix 21 – Aviation Impact Assessment**

- Page xi – any impacts and costs associated with notifications, consultations to be borne by the developer. The developer responsible for engaging with local users of Hay Aerodrome and notifying CASA/Air Services.
- Page xii – Council requests lighting to all WTG’s and WMT’s.
- Page 27/28 – No reference to Hay Shire Council’s Aerodrome Masterplan which highlights proposed upgrade to the airport and use of larger aircraft.
- Page 45 - request lighting to all WTG’s and WMT’s.

#### **General Comments:**

- The EIS and Appendices does not provide much in the way of mitigation details for most aspects. Council is concerned that the developer has not addressed the issues and risk of the project in appropriate detail.
- Council requests further consultation around local roads and waste management in particular.

Kind Regards



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