

Winterbourne Wind Farm

The Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands (the Department) has reviewed the proposal.

Within the project development footprint, Crown lands proposed to be impacted are Crown roads. No Crown reserves appear to be impacted. Crown reserves proposed for use consist of the transport route through Walcha. The Department does note however that the map of Crown lands shown on page 41 of the report ‘Crown Lands and Paper Roads’ is not accurate, as it shows sections of National Park and freehold lands as being Crown land.

For use and access to Crown roads

As per section 37 of the EIS Report, the Department notes that there are a number of Crown roads within the project area. The Department will need to be referenced, prior to any use or occupation of any Crown roads.

Authority to use, traverse, access or build infrastructure on Crown land and roads is required under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and/or the *Roads Act 1993*. It is recommended that the proponent contact the Department as early as possible to discuss and initiate the processes required to authorise the use of and/or access to Crown roads.

Crown roads required for access or infrastructure will require application be made to close and purchase the roads. Interim tenures may be provided to allow works to proceed prior to the road closing process being completed.

For use and access to Crown reserves

Crown reserves affected for the proposed transport route including road upgrades include Lot 7010 DP 1058937 and Lot 7031 DP 1058953 (being reserved for Travelling Stock) being ‘Saleyad Road’ and part Lot 7016 DP 94120 (being reserved for Racecourse). It is important to note that authority must be in place before Crown land can be used. The proponent should contact Crown Lands regarding any requirements for widening formed roads that may impact Crown reserves.

Transmission line route north-west of Project area

It is proposed, in Figure F2-4, that transmission lines may also be placed on or over Crown roads. In order for transmission lines to traverse Crown roads, the proponent will need to apply for easements. Information regarding the easement process is available at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/easements>

As the easement process may be lengthy, it is recommended that the proponent apply for a licence under the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 or a s138 deed of agreement under the Roads Act 1993 for each Crown road as soon as possible. A licence/deed of agreement will temporarily

authorise use and access for the infrastructure to traverse Crown roads whilst the easement applications are being processed.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Warren Martin, Natural Resource Management Project Officer in Crown Lands, on 02 67703118 or at warren.martin@crowmland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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