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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Bullawah Wind Farm

Major Project reference: SSD-50505215

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Dear Lauren,

Thank you for your referral inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Relevant sections of the *Bullawah Wind Farm Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS), prepared by Umwelt, dated 30 July 2024.
- *Bullawah Wind Farm Historical Heritage Impact Assessment* (HHIA), prepared by Umwelt, dated 19 June 2024.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, the following comments are provided:

The HHIA completed to inform the EIS has identified two potential heritage items (the South Burrabogie Woolshed Group and the Bullawah Homestead Group) and two areas of archaeological potential within the project area. No listed heritage items are located within the project area.

The HHIA has assessed that the proposed works will not result in physical impacts to identified potential heritage items or areas of archaeological potential. The visual impact of the proposed works to the potential heritage items is assessed as minor.

Heritage NSW broadly agrees with the results of the HHIA based on the information provided to date, however we request the following additional information to complete our assessment:

1. Figure 3.2 of the HHIA appears to show indicative locations for a number of pastoral stations in and around the project area, with one example of this being a station to the north of Epsom Downs identified as Waterloo. Please confirm if these locations have been subject to further historical investigation or considered as a part of the archaeological assessment. If not, the HHIA should be updated to include this information.
2. Figure 3.3 of the HHIA appears to show a house located to the south-east of the Bullawah Homestead Group. Please confirm if this location was included in the heritage assessment or assessment of archaeological potential. If not, the HHIA should be updated to include this information.
3. The HHIA should be updated to include the assessed research potential and historical significance of potential archaeological deposits associated with the South Burrabogie Woolshed Group as a part of the assessment of significance for the site in Table 5.3.3.

This information will assist in ensuring that the archaeological potential of the site has been adequately assessed, and that there is a holistic understanding of the significance of the South Burrabogie Woolshed Group to inform its management.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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