

23 September 2020

Dr Paul Rutherford
Senior Compliance Officer
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Dr Paul Rutherford,

RE: Bango Wind Farm SSD-6686-PA-16 – Request for Information (RFI-9331855)

Bango Wind Farm Nominees Pty Ltd (BWF) is writing in response to a request for detail received from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) via the Major Project Portal on the 16th of September 2020. The information follows a non-compliance that was reported by BWF on the 21st of August 2020, in accordance with Condition 5 of Schedule 4 of SSD 6686.

The non-compliance involves a heavy vehicle accessing the Bango Wind Farm project site via Tangmangaroo Road on the 15th August 2020. Condition 24 of Schedule 3 (SSD6686) requires that over-dimensional and heavy vehicles access the project site via the transport route identified in the Figure at Appendix 8 (via the Hume Highway and the main project entrance off Lachlan Valley Way).

The Contractor (Downer) has advised BWF that the truck driver accessed the site via Tangmangaroo Rd instead of via the main site entrance. This occurred as the driver was using the GPS navigation system for directions to the project site which led the truck down Tangmangaroo Rd. The driver attempted to contact site personnel for confirmation of the site access point, however there was no mobile reception available and he proceeded along the route.

Actions taken

Immediately after Downer identified that the truck had entered the site, a Downer representative located the truck and escorted it to the main compound area. Project management representatives were then notified.

On the same day, a Downer representative carried out a survey of Tangmangaroo Road to assess the road condition. Truck tyre marks were found in the table drain where the truck turned into the site. This was rectified the next day.

On Monday 17th of August 2020, a Downer representative re-issued the delivery driver induction requirements to all relevant site personnel to reinforce the site access requirements. The induction expressly states that Tangmangaroo Rd is not to be used by project traffic, and included a map clearly identifying the approved access route and site entrance on Lachlan Valley Way.

Further action proposed

Downer is currently liaising with Council to install signage at the entrance to Tangmangaroo Rd from Lachlan Valley Way, advising that no project traffic is permitted to access the Bango Wind Farm site via Tangmangaroo Road. BWF are monitoring the progress of this action.

Please contact me on 0477 056 801 or leanne.cross@cwprenewables.com if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leanne Cross'.

Leanne Cross
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