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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

WinterbourneWind Pty Ltd (WWPL) proposes to construct and operate the Winterbourne Wind Farm Project (WWWF, or the 'Project'), a renewable energy development located to the north and east of Walcha in the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales (NSW).

A Scoping Report for the Winterbourne Wind Farm was prepared (ERM, 2020) (the 'Scoping Report') to support an application to the Secretary of Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) as the Project is a State Significant Development (SSD). SEARs guide the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project as part of a broader development application. SEARs were issued on 17 September 2020 for the Project (SSD-10471).

1.2 Report Purpose

This WWWF Addendum Scoping Report ('Addendum') outlines changes to the Project since the SEARs were issued and should be read in conjunction with the Scoping Report.

The changes relate to minor boundary adjustments, limited additional turbine locations and landowner classification clarifications. The changes will not amend the environmental impact assessment methodology relating to the EIS and the associated technical assessments, and thus should not give rise to any changes to the SEARs.

1.3 Project Changes

1.3.1 Project Boundary Adjustments

Minor adjustments have been made to the northern Project Boundary to incorporate a neighbouring landowner as an involved landowner (presented as a non-involved landowner within the Scoping Report). The additional allotments incorporated into the Project Boundary are:

- Lot 2 DP360166 – Linwood;
- Lot 20 DP756504 – Linwood;
- Lot 1 DP360166 – Auburn Vale;
- Lot 1 DP1069933 – Hazeldean; and
- Part Portion Lot 3 DP234456.

The changes have been incorporated into the following updated figures from the Scoping Report and are provided in Appendix A:

- Figure 1.2 Indicative Project Layout; and
- Figure 3.3 Involved Landowners.

1.3.2 Additional Turbine Locations

The Project as defined in the Scoping Report included up to 126 wind turbine generator (turbine) locations.

Four (4) additional turbine locations (A173, A174, A175 and A176) and associated roads and cables are proposed within the adjusted Project Boundary. As a result the proposed Project will include up to 130 turbine locations.

As a result of these four additional turbine locations:

- one residence (SR274) will move from the <4.95 km category to the <3.35 km category;
- the delineation of involved/non-involved landowners will slightly change in this area, as well as the delineation of receptors within 3.35 km from the Project. Specifically, SR136 and SR009 would become “involved”; and
- residents at SR274 will be consulted about potential impacts as part of the EIS.

No other changes will occur as a result of the proposed additional turbine locations.

The new turbine locations are shown in the updated Figure 1.2 Indicative Project Layout (refer Appendix A). The updated figure also incorporates amended 3.35 km and 7.95 km buffer lines.

The potential environmental impacts associated with the new turbine locations will be considered in the same manner as turbine locations originally proposed in the Scoping Report during preparation of the EIS.

1.3.3 Landowner Characterisations

The following clarifications are provided relating to landowner characterisation that were incorrectly characterised in the Scoping Report:

- SR100 was incorrectly characterised as ‘Involved’ and should be classed as ‘Not-Involved’. Given the proximity of SR136 to SR100, we note that the figure provided as F9.10 in Appendix B of the Scoping Report would be an accurate representation of the Multiple Wind Turbine Tool for SR100, noting that three additional turbine locations are proposed to be added to the northeast of SR100 as outlined in this Addendum.
- SR212 was incorrectly characterised as “Not-Involved” and should be classed as “Involved”

Residents at SR100 will be consulted about potential impacts as part of the EIS. Updated Figure 3.3 incorporates these changes (refer Appendix A).

1.4 Summation

This Addendum will not amend the environmental impact assessment methodology relating to the EIS and the associated technical assessments. As such, they should not give rise to any changes to the SEARs and the EIS will be prepared in accordance with the SEARs issued 17 September 2020 (SSD-10471).

Separate consultation with respect to the changes will be undertaken with the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment relating to the Project referral under the *Environmental Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

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