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Reference: SSD-10471

Dear Ms Brewer

Subject: Winterbourne Wind Farm (SSD-10471) – Environmental Impact Statement – Minor Corrections

On behalf of WinterbourneWind Pty Ltd (the ‘Applicant’), we notify the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) of minor corrections to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm (SSD-10471).

The corrections relate to some erroneous references in the EIS and appendices, as detailed in the table below.

Issue	Correction (in bold)	Reason	Reference/s
References to “Public Benefit Fund” and “Neighbour Benefit Fund”.	Replace with “ Community Benefit Fund ”.	Correction of references to legacy proposals. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a Community Benefit Fund. Alternate fund options were considered by the Applicant in discussion with Walcha Council and other stakeholders. The original proposals have been consolidated into a single Community Benefit Fund.	EIS, Various Appendix R (Social Impact Assessment)

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"The Proponent will provide \$1,00,000 at financial close of the project..."	"The Proponent will provide \$1,000,000 at financial close of the project..."	Correction of a typographical error. The Applicant proposes to provide \$1 million at financial close of the Project.	EIS, Section 1.2
"Community Ownership and Enhancement The Project has an innovative community ownership and revenue sharing model. Turbine hosts, easement owners and project neighbours are invited to become involved in a 5% stake at no cost. The benefits received will be shared 50%:50% with the broader Walcha community."	Community Benefit Fund "The Proponent intends to establish a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) to fund a broad range of projects and programs for the benefit of the community. The Proponent intends to provide \$1,000,000 to the CBF at the commencement of construction, and \$750,000 per annum for the life of the Project based on a 600 MW development. For each MW installed above 600 MW, the Proponent would increase the contribution by \$1000."	Correction of references to legacy proposals. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a Community Benefit Fund. Alternate fund options were considered by the Applicant in discussion with Walcha Council and other stakeholders. The original proposals have been consolidated into a single Community Benefit Fund.	<i>Winterbourne Wind Farm Socio Economic Assessment</i> (SGS, 2021) included as Appendix A in Appendix R (Social Impact Assessment)
"The Project will further provide a diversified income stream for rural landholders and neighbours through payments to host landholders and the Neighbour Benefit Fund."	The Project will further provide a diversified income stream for host landholders.	Unintentional implication that all project neighbours will separately receive financial benefits from the project, in addition to the Community Benefit Fund. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a Community Benefit Fund which will benefit the entire community.	EIS, Section S.3, Section 4.4.1.2, Section 7.1
The Project is consistent with Planning Priority #2 as it increases	The Project is consistent with Planning Priority #2 as	Unintentional implication that all project neighbours will	EIS, Table 2-1

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diversification of land use in addition to providing a diversified income stream for rural landholders and neighbours through payments to host landholders and the Neighbour Benefit Fund.	it increases diversification of land use in addition to providing a diversified income stream for rural landholders and a broad benefit to the whole community through establishment of the Community Benefit Fund.	separately receive financial benefits from the project, in addition to the Community Benefit Fund. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a Community Benefit Fund which will benefit the entire community.	
“Neighbours and the wider community will also receive financial benefits from the project through establishment of the Community Benefit Fund (CBF).”	The whole community will also receive indirect financial benefits from the project through the establishment of the Community Benefit Fund (CBF).	Unintentional implication that all project neighbours will separately receive financial benefits from the Community Benefit Fund. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a single Community Benefit Fund which will benefit the entire community.	Appendix R (Social Impact Assessment), Section 1.2
“A Community Benefit Fund will be established to share the financial benefits of the Project with Project neighbours and the wider community.”	A Community Benefit Fund will be established to share the financial benefits of the Project with the whole community.	Unintentional implication that all project neighbours will separately receive financial benefits from the Community Benefit Fund. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a single Community Benefit Fund which will benefit the entire community.	Appendix R (Social Impact Assessment), Table 3.3
“Opportunities for diversification of income streams for host landowners and additional financial benefits for Project	Opportunities for diversification of income streams for host landowners and additional financial benefits for the whole	Unintentional implication that all project neighbours will separately receive financial benefits from	EIS, Section 6.12.5 Appendix R (Social Impact Assessment), Section 6

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neighbours and the wider community through the Community Benefit Fund"	community through the Community Benefit Fund.	the Community Benefit Fund. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a single Community Benefit Fund which will benefit the entire community.	
"Establishment of the Community Benefit Fund Project neighbours will receive a financial benefit" "Livelihoods: Project Neighbours"	Through the establishment of the Community Benefit Fund the whole community will receive indirect financial benefits through funds provided to the Community Benefit Fund. In the adjoining column, the impact category and stakeholders affected should refer to the whole community rather than Project Neighbours.	Unintentional implication that all project neighbours will separately receive financial benefits from the Community Benefit Fund. As detailed in Section 3.12 of the EIS, the Applicant proposes to provide a single Community Benefit Fund which will benefit the entire community.	Appendix R (Social Impact Assessment), Table 6-2 and Table 7-1
"None the less, in the case of three bird species there is a moderate risk of collision and mortality because they do fly at the height of the wind turbine blades (section 7.3.3), however only one, Glossy Black-cockatoo is known to occupy the World Heritage Area. This will be appropriately managed during Project operation (section 8.3.1)."	"None the less, in the case of three bird species (Glossy-black cockatoo, Wedge-tailed eagle, and White-throated needletail) there is a moderate risk of collision and mortality because they do fly at the height of the wind turbine blades (section 7.3.3), however only two, of these species - Glossy Black-cockatoo and Wedge-tailed eagle - are known to occupy the World Heritage Area. This will be appropriately managed during Project operation (section 8.3.1).	Correction of reference. The assessment of impact to threatened species associated with the World Heritage area considered all relevant species. However, the summary omitted a reference to the Wedge-tailed eagle.	Appendix G (Biodiversity Development Assessment Report), Section 7.5.3 Appendix T (World Heritage Impact Assessment)

The Applicant confirms the above corrections to the EIS for the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm. The corrections in the above table do not change any aspect of the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm and the Applicant is dedicated to the stated project commitments.

Due to the minor nature of the corrections, no additional technical assessments are required.

The Applicant looks forward to continuing to work with DPE through the assessment process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Davey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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