

Thunderbolt Wind Farm

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

Travelling Stock Reserves/ Reserves/Commons/Aboriginal Land Claims/Native Title

Lot 7303 DP 1162815 is a Travelling Stock Reserve. This is managed by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and is currently the subject of an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim (ALC). As such, concurrence with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) will be required to be sought and secured by the proponent prior to any impact occurring on the Crown land.

Additionally, a tenure will be required to authorise any use of and/or access to this lot, which may be subject to Native Title. Details of precise area of impact and number of trees to be cleared will be required as part of this tenure application.

This will need to occur prior to the commencement of any works.

The proponent needs to identify a Future Act pathway under the Native Title Act, 1993 for the proposed development of the Travelling Stock Reserve prior to any impact occurring on the Crown land.

Information regarding Native Title can be found at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/what-we-do/our-work/native-title>

Waterways occur within the project area. The proponent is required to undertake a status search of these waterways. If encroachment of the Crown waterways occurs within the site and proposal area, authority to access and/or use the Crown waterway will be required prior to commencement of any approved works.

It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands to discuss any requirements as soon as possible, to avoid any possible delays and to ascertain to what extent Crown waterways may be required for the proposal.

Biodiversity/Environmental

Long-term management and maintenance strategies for impacted Crown land were not specified for when the Crown land is no longer required for the proposal. Can this please be addressed by the proponent.

It is also noted that clearing and development of Lot 7303 DP 1162815, for storage and hard stand is mentioned in the traffic and transport impact assessment. Can the proponent provide justification for storage and creation of hardstand on Crown land when freehold land belonging to the proponent is immediately adjacent?

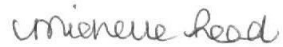
Are additional environmental offsets being considered for this proposed clearing, under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*?

Information regarding biodiversity offsets can be found at the below link:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/biodiversity-offsets-scheme/about-the-biodiversity-offsets-scheme>.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Anna Cronin, Natural Resource Management Projects in Crown Lands, at anna.cronin@crowmland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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