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Re: Department of Planning & Environment

Re: Request for Advice on Draft Sears

The Plains Wind Farm (SDD – 50629707)

Please find below Edward Rivers Council's comments in relation to the Draft Sears for the Plains Wind Farm development ;

Impact on Road Infrastructure

Provide specific detail on the source location of the construction materials and proposed haulage routes , noting that this may impact on the local roads through affected Local Government Areas (LGAs). Where impact is identified details of any proposed upgrade and maintenance works agreements

Construction Compound and Accommodation Camp

Provide information regarding the commissioning and decommissioning of the Construction Compound and Accommodation Camp sites. Additional information is required to understand the scale of the sites, servicing arrangements and the proposed actions for returning the sites back to pre-development conditions, at the completion of works.

Bushfire

Bushfire risks associated with the construction and operation of the development need to be carefully considered in the EIS. Noting that the portion of the site within Edward River Council area is Bushfire Prone Land . Of specific concern is the large expanses of grassland and the remoteness of this areas. Adequate resources would be required to protect these areas in the event of fire outbreak as there are extended response times and limited access to adequate resources for fire defence .

Biodiversity and cultural heritage

A detailed assessment of the likely biodiversity impacts and cultural heritage items of the project particularly relating to proposed earthworks, construction and roadworks. As identified in the scoping report there are potential impacts on endangered species throughout the project site.

Yours sincerely

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