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Attention: Energy, Resource and Industry Assessments

Department of Housing Planning & Infrastructure

Re: Request for advice Dinawan Wind Farm – Environmental Impact Statement

Dinawan Wind Farm SSD-50725708

Please find below Edward River Council's comments in relation to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Dinawan development;

Impact on Road Infrastructure

The EIS references the joint preparation of a CTMP and Road Maintenance strategy however provides limited detail on how this will be formulated and how it will ensure minimal impact on local roads, local traffic and haulage routes. It is important that these documents carefully assess and mitigate any conflicts given the high volume of traffic that will be introduced into these areas.

Construction Compound and Accommodation Camp

Given the lack of infrastructure for the proposed accommodation camps additional information is required to understand the scale of the sites, servicing arrangements and decommissioning works plan for returning the sites back to pre-development conditions, at the completion of use. Conditions are recommended to specifically address these matters.

Bushfire

Bushfire risks associated with the construction and operation of the development are very generally covered in the EIS. Of specific concern is the Bushfire Prone Land areas consisting of large expanses of grassland and the remoteness of these areas. Adequate resources would be required to protect these areas and the properties of adjoining landowners in the event of fire outbreak. The availability of adequate resources, available fire personnel and response times due to travel distances, could be catastrophic in the event of a fire outbreak. A site specific plan to remove reliance on external resources, that may not be in a position to provide immediate response, is needed. Conditions are recommended to specifically address on site fire defence.

Waste Management.

The management of waste from the construction works and proposed Accommodation Camps is not clear in the EIS and needs to be provided in more detail to show that this has been carefully considered. The types and volume of waste products that will be generated and the limited options for local disposal may cause impacts on the surrounding environment. Conditions are recommended to address adequate waste management arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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