

Mallee Wind Farm

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

For use and access to Crown land

As per section 2.3 of the Mallee Wind Farm Scoping Report, Crown Lands notes that there are several Crownland parcels within the project area. It is also proposed, in section 3.1 and figure 3.1, that transmission lines, internal cabling, wind turbines and other associated infrastructure may also be placed on or over Crown land.

The Department will need to be referenced, prior to any use or occupation of any Crown land, during the assessment phase.

Authority to use, traverse, access or build infrastructure on Crown land is required under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands as early as possible to discuss and initiate the processes required to authorise the use of and/or access to Crown land.

If infrastructure needs to be built on Crown land, the consent of the Minister for Water, Property and Housing must be obtained, via Crown Lands, and constructed roads may need to be transferred to Council. Further information regarding land owner's consent for Crown land can be found at the following link:

https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/144345/landowners-consent-application-form.pdf

Lineal Infrastructure (e.g. Pipelines and/or Electricity Transmission lines) traversing Crown land

If lineal infrastructure (such as pipelines and/or electricity transmission lines) are expected to traverse Crown land, an easement over said Crown land will be required for protection of the infrastructure. To discuss easement requirements, please contact the Acquisitions team at the earliest opportunity at:

cl.acquisitions@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

In order for transmission lines to traverse Crown land, the proponent will need to apply for easements.

Information regarding the easement process is available at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/easements>

As the easement process may be lengthy, it is also recommended that the proponent apply for a licence for each Crown land lot as soon as possible. A licence will temporarily authorise use and access for the infrastructure to traverse Crown land whilst the easement applications are being processed.

Details on how to apply for a licence are available at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/licences>

It is important to note that licences or easements must be in place before infrastructure can traverse Crown land.

It is important to note that authority must be in place before Crown land can be used, traversed, accessed or infrastructure can be built.

Travelling Stock Reserves

Part Lot 3805 DP 763156 (Reserve 66986) is a Travelling Stock Reserve. This is under the care, control, and management of the Minister. Additionally, a tenure will be required to authorise any use of and/or access to this lot. This will need to occur prior to the commencement of any 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 land is required for the proposal.

Biodiversity/Environmental

It is noted that there may be possible clearing and development of the project area. 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 Amy Smith, Senior Natural Resource Management Officer in Crown Lands, on 02 6883 5434 or at amy.smith@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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