



31 October 2024

ATTENTION: Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure

PROJECT: Pottinger Wind Farm |SSD- 59235464

Re: Submissions Response State Significant Development Application | Pottinger Wind Farm (SSD-59235464)

Please find below the submission from Edward River Council in relation to the Pottinger Wind Farm development (SSD-59235464).

Land Use

It is noted that the planning documents referenced in the EIS related only to Hay Shire Council. There was no reference to the ERC statutory planning documents.

Impact on Flora and Fauna

The Project is proposed within an area of rich flora and fauna , biodiversity values and habitats. Of particular concern is the impact on Plains Wanderers Pedionomus torquatus. Due to the species being highly threatened, the low population numbers, and its sedentary habits, impacts have been conservatively assessed as significant under the EPBC.

It is expected that the enforcement of strong mitigation measures to negate any immediate, cumulative, and unknown impacts on existing habitats, corridors, potential alienation and the flow-on effects that extend beyond the Project footprint will be in conditioned in the determination of this Development.

Impact on Road Infrastructure

It is noted in the response that a meeting was held with Edward River Council on 14 February 2024 to discuss the project, where it was noted that the construction traffic may utilise local roads under the jurisdiction of Edward River Council.

General advice was provided in relation to Councils requirements for dilapidation surveys to be carried out , for upgrades to local roads to achieve Councils's minimum standards for rural roads, targets for crossfall for unsealed and sealed roads, road drainage and culverts and mitigation measures proposed to prevent damage to Council roads.

Whilst more specific detail on proposed haulage routes on the local roads and local traffic movements have been provided in the response to submissions and the matters noted above, at the time of writing this response further comments were not available from ERC re this detail .

Accommodation and resources

The proposed workforce during peak construction, is identified as approximately 900 FTE personnel which will include local workforce where possible . The on-site accommodation camp is proposed to accommodate 240 workers. The location of the on-site accommodation will need to be sited to



ensure the accommodation camp/s are well-located, and are outside hazard areas (flood, bushfire, etc) where possible. Consideration and planning for adequate services, including stormwater runoff, on-site sewage management systems, potable water supply, electricity connection, firefighting provisions and the like will need to be provided to ensure the development has appropriate services given the remote locality of the Project.

Council is satisfied that a condition for stakeholder engagement for the development of a Local housing strategy will enable Council to have sufficient input into the proposed workers accommodation.

Bushfire

Bushfire risks associated with the construction and operation of the development are very generally covered and require greater detail. 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 recommended Fire Management Plan should be a site specific plan which includes distances and response times must be addressed in the plan.

Waste management

Greater detail and consultation on the proposed arrangements for the management of waste from construction activities and generated from the accommodation camps needs to be provided. Waste facilities capable of receiving the type and volume of waste that may be generated from the earthworks, construction activities and camps will likely not be suitable for disposal at local waste facilities and may need to be contained and transported long distances from the site for disposal. The transport of this waste may impact further on traffic movements and on the condition of local and regional roads.

The Waste Management Plan (WMP) as discussed in Section 6.18.4 of the EIS and the response states it will be developed in consultation with relevant regulators. Edward River Council requests that it be consulted in the development of the WMP.

Yours faithfully

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