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Kiersten Fishburn
Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
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Dear Kiersten

Re: Argoon Wind Farm (SSD-64935522) - change of proponent

1.0 Introduction

The Argoon Wind Farm is a proposed development in the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area in New South Wales NSW (the Project). The Project would involve the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm with up to 106 wind turbine generators (WTGs), a battery energy storage system (BESS), and associated electrical infrastructure.

Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) were issued to RES Australia Pty Ltd for the Project on 21 December 2023. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for the Project.

This letter sets out a change of proponent, and provides an update on the submission of an *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Referral for the Project, for the information of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

2.0 Change of proponent

The Proponent, as will be specified in the future EIS, is Argoon Wind Farm Co Pty Ltd in its capacity as corporate trustee for the Argoon Wind Farm Project Trust (ABN 58 387 929 271) which was established by RES Australia Pty Ltd (RES) specifically for the purpose of owning and developing the Project. (Table 1).

Table 1 Proponent details

Applicant name:	Argoon Wind Farm Project Co Pty Ltd in its capacity as corporate trustee for the Argoon Wind Farm Project Trust
ACN:	679 404 132
Address:	c/o RES Australia Pty Ltd, Suite 6.01, Level 6, 165 Walker Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060

This change has not resulted in any other changes to the EIS, which is still being prepared according to the issued SEARs.

3.0 EPBC Act Referral

An EPBC Act Referral (EPBC 2024/10048) was submitted to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on 13 November 2024. The EPBC Act Referral identifies Argoon Wind Farm Project Co Pty Ltd as the 'Person proposing to take the action' and 'Proposed designated proponent'. The EPBC Act Referral is currently subject to validation prior to public exhibition.

4.0 NSW Wind Energy Guideline

The EIS for the Project is anticipated to be submitted after 30 April 2025. Accordingly, it is understood that the Wind Energy Guideline (DPHI, 2024) will apply to the Project, and that an amendment to the Project SEARs is not required to reflect this.

5.0 Conclusion

This letter has been prepared to inform and update DPHI on changes to the proponent details for the Argoon Wind Farm, and status of the EPBC Act Referral for the Project. It is understood that these changes do not require amendments to the SEARs and the Project will continue to prepare the EIS in accordance with the December 2023 SEARs.

We look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Should you require any further information or clarification of any of the above detail please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully



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