

19/11/2024



The Planning Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Planning Secretary,

Re: Ungula Wind Farm SSD-6687 – Request for extended use of additional site access points (CoA B28)

Ungula Wind Farm Pty Ltd (UWF) is writing to request Planning Secretary agreement for vehicles to travel to and from the Ungula Wind Farm Site (the site) via additional site access routes and points during the pre-construction phase of the project (relates to Condition B28).

Condition B28 of SSD-6687 requires that:

All heavy and light vehicles associated with the development must travel to and from the site via Twelve Mile Road (west) and the approved site access point off Twelve Mile Road, as identified by the 'Project Access Route' in the figure in Appendix 8, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.

Note: To avoid any doubt, this consent does not allow the use of Twelve Mile Road east of the approved site access point off Twelve Mile Road for heavy or light vehicle access, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.

In May 2024, UWF wrote to the Planning Secretary requesting agreement to use additional site access points for the purpose of undertaking pre-construction minor works (Ref. SSD-6687-PA-23). In a letter dated 6 June 2024, the Secretary approved the request, permitting the use of additional site access points during minor pre-construction work until 31 December 2024 (when construction was anticipated to commence). The Project is still progressing detailed designs, and the pre-construction minor works phase is ongoing. A construction commencement date has not yet been determined. Therefore, UWF is requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to further extend the use of alternate site access points through to 30 June 2025. This request seeks to avoid the need for frequent and repeated extension requests, as UWF recognise the time and resource demands that these place on the Department.

UWF confirms that the scope of the pre-construction site access would otherwise remain the same as documented within the original request and per the Secretary's recent approval letter dated 6 July 2022. That is:

- The additional access routes are:
 - Ungula Road (via Twelve Mile Road, west) – approximately 11 kilometres (km) of this road would be used to gain access to and from the northern portion of the site;
 - Wuuluman Road (via Ungula Road) – approximately 800 metres of this road would be used to gain access to and from the western and central portion of the site;
 - Ilgingery Road (via Wuuluman Road) – approximately 7.07 km of this road would be used (2.11 of which traverses the development corridor) to gain access to and from the far southern portion of the site;
 - Traffic movements are unlikely to result in impacts to the local road capability or condition;
 - There are not expected to be any conflicts with or disruptions to school bus routes; and no road upgrades or traffic management would be required.
 - The approval will be limited to the number and type of vehicles as noted on page 2 of the original request dated 27 October 2021; and



- UWF would continue to minimise traffic safety impacts of the development (including use of the temporary route) and disruptions to local road users, including minimising potential conflict between development-related traffic and rail services, stock movements and school buses, including preventing queuing on the public road network.

Consultation

UWF has not undertaken any further consultation with residents located along the subject roads. All residents are involved with the project and have acknowledged the impacts of the project and accepted those. Further, no issues have been raised by these residences during any use of the alternate access points to date.

UWF has not undertaken further consultation with Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Consistent with their original advice, vehicular access would continue to be via the western intersection of Twelve Mile Road and Goolma Road.

Dubbo Regional Council (the relevant roads authority) was consulted in May 2024 and provided agreement to the use of the alternative access points through to the completion of the pre-construction minor works phase. As the pre-construction minor works phase is ongoing, no further consultation with Council has been required. The email correspondence with Council is provided at Attachment 1.

Please don't hesitate to contact me to further discuss this request.

Yours sincerely,

Sheree Kidziak

Environmental Advisor

For and behalf of Squadron Energy PTY LTD



Appendix A Dubbo Regional Council email correspondence



Peter James <Peter.James@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>
To Cindy Smith
Cc Malcolm Moore; Malcolm McPhan; Sheree Kidziak; Candice Somerville; Alana Gordijn; Warwick Tidswell

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Hi Cindy,

Dubbo Regional Council approves the use of all alternative access points to the Uungula Wind Farm site for the period 31 December 2024 to 30 June 2025 inclusive.

Regards



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Good Afternoon Peter,

Thanks again for your time today on the phone.
As discussed, Squadron Energy is seeking your approval to extend alternative access points to the Uungula Wind Farm Site in accordance with our DPE approval from 31 December 2024 to 30 June 2025 inclusive. Please note that at time of writing, there have been no previous concerns raised by community or residents regarding the alternate road access routes, with road use continuing to remain minimal and intermittent.

Your written response at your earliest convenience would be very appreciated.

If you require additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

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