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Re: Department of Planning & Environment

Re: Request for Advice on Draft Sears

Conargo Wind Farm SSD-70611708

Please find below Edward Rivers Councils comments in relation to the Draft Sears for the Dinawan development;

Impact on Road Infrastructure

Provide specific detail on the source location of the construction materials, noting that this would impact local roads and regional roads along the haulage routes through all affected Local Government Areas (LGAs).

Accommodation for workers

Provide information on the proposed arrangements for accommodation of workers during the construction phase. If it is proposed to construct temporary accommodation camps details will need to be provided regarding the commissioning and decommissioning of the Construction Compound and Accommodation Camp sites. Additional information is required to understand the scale of the sites, servicing arrangements and the proposed actions for returning the sites back to pre-development conditions, at the completion of works.

Waste

Details of Waste that will be generated during construction phase and what arrangements will be put into place to manage the waste on site and waste that will require off site disposal. Noting that Construction waste cannot be accepted at Councils transfer station located in Conargo village.

Visual Impact

Visual impact of the wind turbines on surrounding residential premises and the rural landscape should be addressed due to the relative closeness of the development to the Conargo Village.

Bushfire

Bushfire risks associated with the construction and operation of the development need to be carefully considered 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 in the event of fire outbreak as there are extended response times and access to adequate resources for fire defence are limited.



Biodiversity and cultural heritage

A detailed assessment of the likely biodiversity impacts and cultural heritage items of the project particularly in relation to the impact of proposed earthworks, construction and roadworks on the existing environment.

Yours sincerely

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