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Re: Sunny Corner Wind Farm (SSD-80027992) – Draft SEARs

Dear Michael,

Thank you for advising the Forestry Corporation of NSW about the draft SEARS for the proposed Sunny Corner Wind Farm (the Project).

I confirm that Forestry Corporation has issued a Permit to Someva Renewables and Mainstream Renewable Power Australia to investigate the development of a Wind Farm in Sunny Corner State Forest.

Following a review of the Scoping Report, the following additions are proposed for addition to the SEARs.

a) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

In addition to the wind farm, the Project proposes to install a BESS of approximately 500 MW / 2,000 MWh (4 hours) in size. The BESS needs to be included for assessment.

b) Legislation

The Project is proposed within softwood plantations managed by the Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW).

The Project will need to be designed, built and operated so that FCNSW can continue to meet the requirements of the Forestry Act 2012, the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999 and Plantations and Reafforestation (Code) Regulation 2001.

c) The Forest Industry

The forest industry is well established in the NSW Central West.

The Project will need to be designed, built and operated to mitigate any impacts on the plantations (e.g., lands and soils, weeds, plantation establishment, tending and growth, fire management) and the forest industry (e.g., safety, access, roads, timber

deliveries, transport and traffic management, fire management, priority weeds and biosecurity, and land use conflict).

d) Forest Users

The public use the State forests for a broad range of recreational pursuits (e.g., 4WD, cycling, fishing, hunting, fossicking, etc.) and commercial enterprises (e.g., utilities, pipelines, and agriculture such as grazing and apiary / bees).

Following engagement with relevant user groups, consideration will need to be given by the Proponent to these additional land uses by the Public in the State's softwood plantations. This should include mitigating any conflicting land use and maintaining public safety.

e) Hazards and Risks

The assessment of hazards and risks, and proposed mitigants should include:

- Fire prevention, management and fighting around energy infrastructure in forests, woodlands and softwood plantations.
- "Throw" from blades, including blade materials and ice.
- The preliminary investigation into potential site contamination should include a site baseline report.
- Decommissioning of the Project.

Yours faithfully,



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