

Burrendong Wind Farm

The Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands has reviewed the proposal.

It is noted that there are several Crown land parcels and Crown roads that will be affected by the Burrendong Wind Farm Project.

Several lots are subject to Aboriginal Land Claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* and subject to Native Title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Further information regarding Aboriginal Land Claims can be found at the following link: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/what-we-do/our-work/aboriginal-land-claims>

Information regarding Native Title can be found at the below link: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/what-we-do/our-work/native-title>

Authority to use, traverse, access or build infrastructure on Crown land and roads is required under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and/or the *Roads Act 1993*. It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands as early as possible to discuss and initiate the processes required to authorise the use of and/or access to Crown land and roads.

An initial assessment indicates that the following consents and authorities may be required:

- A. Licence for site investigation.
- B. Consent from Local Aboriginal Land Council to the grant of Crown authorities.
- C. Consent from Crown Land Managers.
- D. Non-claimant application to Federal Court to address Native Title.
- E. Interim Licences for powerline and road realignment construction.
- F. Easements for powerlines (either by compulsory acquisition by an energy provider with acquisition powers or easement by agreement).
- G. Road realignment acquisition by Council.
- H. Lease for wind farm infrastructure.

Any proposed primary access road utilising a Crown road or requiring a road realignment through Crown land may need to be transferred/acquired by Council. As authority to access or use Crown roads is required prior to the commencement of any works or access, and to avoid any delays for the proposal, a tenure may be required in the interim. More information regarding Crown roads can be found at the following link: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/access/roads>.

If lineal infrastructure (such as pipelines and/or electricity transmission lines) are expected to traverse Crown land, roads and/or waterways, an easement over said Crown land, roads and/or waterways may be required for protection of the infrastructure.

In order for transmission lines to traverse Crown land and/or roads, the proponent will need to apply for easements. Information regarding the easement process is available at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/easements>

As the easement process may be lengthy, it is also recommended that the proponent apply for a licence for each Crown road and Crown land lot as soon as possible. A licence will temporarily authorise use and access for the infrastructure to traverse Crown roads and Crown land whilst the easement applications are being processed. Details on how to apply for a licence are available at the below link:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/use/licences>

Crown Lands notes that several parcels 1/1069444, 51/756872 & 58/257246 form part of Reserve 84236 for Public Recreation notified 14/6/1963 and managed by NSW Crown Holiday Parks Land Manager (Reflections Holiday Park Cudgegong River). The proponent is encouraged to consult with Reflections Holiday Park regarding the use of, or access to, this Crown land and to contact Crown Lands as early as possible if Crown Lands' involvement is required to assist.

It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands to discuss any requirements as soon as possible, to avoid any possible delays and to ascertain to what extent Crown land, roads or waterways are required for the proposal.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, I can be contacted on 0427 629 288 or david.baber@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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