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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE WINTERBOURNE WIND FARM PROJECT.**

Australia is experiencing an unprecedented change in the way we consider and consume energy. Our collective steps towards a clean energy future will depend on coordination and collaboration; strategic thinking and planning; as well as ongoing community consultation.

The NSW Government has set clear targets that are both ambitious and necessary. Central to these initiatives is the question: how do we maximise Australia's abundance of renewable energy resources in a reliable, sustainable, and affordable manner that meets future market needs?

**As a least cost electricity generation technology, the Winterbourne Wind Farm Project will play a critical role in both meeting our future energy requirements in a sustainable and affordable way and ensuring the ongoing vitality of the region. In generating up to 2,100,000 MWh per annum, the project will benefit energy users and play a key part in the NSW Government's legislated minimum objective to deliver up to 8 gigawatts of new generation network hosting capacity in the New England Renewable Energy Zone.**

An important driver of the *NSW Renewable Energy Sector Board's Plan* was the need to "ensure the benefits of renewable energy projects are shared with workers, their families and communities through guaranteed quality local jobs and stronger employment conditions". **The Winterbourne Wind Farm Project will make significant contributions to skills, education, and training capacity within the region – including up to 400 jobs during construction.** These jobs will in turn equip local and regional workers with transferrable skills that could be applied on future employment opportunities in the region.

The Oven Mountain team recognises the importance of a diverse range of renewable energy generation and storage capabilities to ensure the ongoing resilience of our electricity network. We understand that all major projects are delivered in dynamic communities and necessitate experienced teams, as well as open and honest communication. **To this end, we strongly support the ongoing development of the Winterbourne Wind Farm Project as both a necessary addition to our region, and as a positive step towards a clean energy future.**

For matters related to this submission, I can be contacted directly on [a.melov@ompshydro.com](mailto:a.melov@ompshydro.com) or on 0426 235 089.

Kind regards,



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