

Appendix F

Correspondence Regarding Native Vegetation Offset

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Mr Frank Boland
Infigen Energy Pty Limited
By email

11 February 2013

Dear Sir

Bodangora Wind Farm - Proposal Offset Areas(s)

The letter from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure dated 8 February 2013 contained a requirement to consider the location of areas suitable for offset for impacting upon native vegetation and habitats. The following is the wording in Attachment 1 to the above letter. Note that it is assumed native (indigenous) vegetation is meant in the first sentence.

“Offset Strategy (6n) – Based on the ‘worst case’ loss of vegetation of 1.32 ha, and therefore an expected offset requirement of 5.28 ha (as identified in Section 9.4.1 of the EA), provide further detail of potential offset sites available, including relation of vegetation to be cleared and vegetation available for offsetting.”

The concept in the EA is to offset the area of native vegetation lost through building the wind farm by setting aside an area of native vegetation and habitat four times the area lost. The offset is to be located within the wind farm properties.

The proposal is to create the offset area(s) on the property *Glen Oak*. We have inspected the aerial photograph of the property and, coupled with our several field studies in that area, are confident that there is easily sufficient native vegetation on that property to accommodate an offset of up to six hectares. It is proposed to carry out an inspection of the property before construction begins and select the area(s) of the offset with an ecologist to ensure that the most valuable area is chosen for the offset.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours sincerely
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Re: Option to Purchase off-set land

Following the request from The Department of Planning and Infrastructures (DoPI) for confirmation on vegetation offset sites at the Bodangora Wind Farm (BWF), I confirm that Glen Oak Pastoral Company Pty Ltd is prepared to offer BWF an option to purchase land for the purposes of a vegetation offset.

This offer is made on the following conditions:

- The size of the offset area doesn't exceed 6 hectares;
- The purchase price is between \$3000 - \$6000 per acre;
- The offset areas are selected in consultation with Glen Oak Pastoral Company Pty Ltd and BWF's vegetation specialist;
- BWF is responsible for all related sale and maintenance costs including surveying and fencing;
- The option to purchase will expire on the 30 December 2016; and
- Is subject to a formal Deed of Option to Purchase being executed by Glen Oak Pastoral Company Pty Ltd and BWF.

I look forward to hearing the planning decision for the project and to the wind farm proceeding to the next phase. Please contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Simon Barton
Director
Glen Oak Pastoral Company Pty Ltd