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Ms Pam Allan
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Tasmanian Planning Commission
Via email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Allan

Bell Bay Wind Farm Major Project Draft assessment criteria representation

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 October 2024 referring the draft assessment criteria for the Bell Bay Wind Farm Major Project to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) under section 60ZL(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA).

In your correspondence you seek NRE Tas's input in the following capacities as:

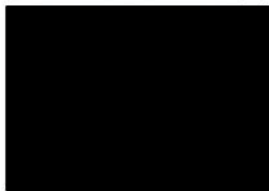
- a participating regulator under the relevant legislation;
- an owner of land within the Major Project area; and
- a relevant State Service Agency which may have an interest in a matter to which the Major Project relates.

In accordance with section 60ZL(1) of LUPAA, NRE Tas provides the following advice to the Panel in the attachment to this letter in accordance with its role as a participating regulator for the purposes of the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* and the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021* under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, as an owner of land within the Major Project area, and as a relevant State Service Agency.

I note that following the close of the exhibition period, the Panel will provide NRE Tas with any representations that relate to matters set out in NRE Tas's Assessment Requirement Notice. NRE Tas may then provide the Panel with an Alteration Notice to NRE Tas's assessment requirements if the Department sees fit.

Should the Panel have any further questions on this matter please contact NRE Tas's Richard Cuskelly, Policy and Planning Officer, Strategy and Business Services Division. Mr Cuskelly can be contacted via (03) 6165 4537 or via email at richard.cuskelly@nre.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment: Relevant participating regulator, landowner and State Service Agency advice

RELEVANT PARTICIPATING REGULATOR, LANDOWNER AND STATE SERVICE AGENCY ADVICE

In accordance with section 60ZL of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) provides the following advice as to the draft assessment criteria, prepared by the Development Assessment Panel, currently on public exhibition in relation to the Bell Bay Wind Farm Major Project (Major Project).

NRE Tas offers this advice as a participating regulator, as an owner of land on which the Major Project is to be situated and as a State Service Agency which may have an interest in a matter to which the Major Project relates.

3.9 Natural Values – fauna (p. 12)

Collision from vehicles

The draft assessment criteria specify the need to determine the adverse effects, and the significance of those effects, of collision from vehicles travelling to and within the Project site during both construction and operation.

NRE Tas proposes that it should be specified that a roadkill assessment should be conducted on all pre-existing access roads to understand the current levels of roadkill which will enable any increase in roadkill to be assessed against a baseline.

Appendix B. Site and locality plans and information

1.0 Site and locality context plans (p. 5)

The draft assessment criteria specify the need, where relevant, to show and depict existing vegetation types and native communities and records of listed flora and fauna.

In addition, NRE Tas recommends that products of wildlife (including nests, dens and burrows), foraging and roosting habitat, and threatened native vegetation communities are overlaid in the same plans to demonstrate the full extent of potential impacts to natural values associated with the Project area. The mapping should clearly show the overlap between all Project land, both temporary and permanent activities/assets and all natural values.