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Dear Mr West,

Cellars Hill Wind Farm Major Project Impact Statement, Progress Report July 2026

Cogency Australia Pty Ltd (**Cogency**) act on behalf of Cellars Hill Wind Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 675 485 255) (**the Proponent**). Further to correspondence received from the Tasmanian Planning Commission (**the Commission**) on 11 November 2025, the Proponent has prepared this progress report. Cogency is the planning consultant and lead author of the Major Project Impact Statement (**MPIS**) for the Cellars Hill Wind Farm (**the Project**).

Background

The **Project** is a 'landowner led', up to 350MW wind farm, developed in association with Gamuda Engineering. The Project is proposed across approximately 8,460 hectares of mostly privately owned land north-west of Bothwell, on the west side of Highland Lakes Road, within the Central Highlands.

The Project was determined as a Major Project by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs on 31 January 2025. Further, on 14 March 2025, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (**DCCEEW**) determined that the Project is a controlled action to be assessed by accredited assessment under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas).

The Project was subsequently issued with assessment criteria on 22 September 2025, detailing the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) and *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas) requirements.

Progress Update

Since the last update in January 2026, the Project has made significant progress in developing its construction footprint, and confirming other project details and assumptions for consideration by technical specialists.

The construction footprint has been prepared with input from civil and wind engineering, along with technical specialists. The footprint represents a realistic and constructable footprint, which has also reduced impacts as far as practical, prior to detailed technical assessments and design. Preliminary assessments were undertaken to inform the footprint development including of ecological, cultural heritage, hydrology, landscape and visual, acoustic and fire and hazards considerations.

Detailed technical studies being undertaken to respond to the assessment criteria, and considering the impacts of the construction footprint, include consideration of the following values:

- Flora and fauna (including avifauna)
- Acoustic
- Landscape and visual
- Cultural and historic heritage
- Geotechnical
- Electromagnetic interference
- Fire and hazards
- Aviation
- Hydrology
- Traffic
- Waste
- Shadow Flicker and Glint & Glare
- Air Quality and Greenhouse gases
- Socio-economic
- Agriculture

A number of engagement activities are planned for mid – late 2026, including:

- **Community Drop-In Session** – this will be the second Community Drop-In Session, it is planned to be held on Tuesday 25 August 2026, at the Bothwell Town Hall.
- **2026 Southern Midlands Schools Careers Expo** – the project will participate in the expo which is being held at Oatlands District High School on Thursday 17 September. This follows the project supporting the expo in late 2025.
- **Community Reference Group** – currently being coordinated, with the inaugural meeting planning for October 2026.

Website updates, stakeholder meetings, neighbour meetings and discussions, and liaison with ReCFIT and other stakeholders are ongoing.

Capacity Investment Scheme Update

In May 2026, the Project was announced as a successful applicant to the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme *CIS Tender 7 – NEM Generation*. The Project is currently working with the Australian Government on the Capacity Investment Scheme Agreement.

This success is also supported by the Project's inclusion within the National Renewable Energy Priority List, announced in early 2025. The purpose of the List is to provide the Project with support through existing regulatory frameworks.

Timeframes

Having confirmed the construction footprint, and commenced detailed technical assessments, the Project now has more clarity on timeframes for submission of the MPIS.

The Proponent requests a short extension to the MPIS submission date by two months, from on or before 22 September 2026 to **18 November 2026**.

The Proponent plans to submit the MPIS no later than **18 November 2026**. We ask that the Commission considers this progress report as advice that the Proponent intends to submit the MPIS at least three months in advance of the expected submission date.

Should a further extension be required, for matters currently unforeseen, this would be requested as soon as possible.

Summary

As requested, a progress report will be provided to the Commission every six months, until lodgement of the MPIS.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or at adam@cogencyaustralia.com.au.

Yours Sincerely,

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