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Mr John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear Mr Ramsay

**Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993
Declaration of Major Project – North East Wind**

In accordance with Section 60R of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) I hereby notify you of my decision to declare the North East Wind project as a major project.

The North East Wind Project is intended to generate up to 1260 megawatts of renewable electricity and includes up to 210 wind generation towers (WTGs), internal roads, marine landing and wharf facility, operation and maintenance facility, meteorological masts, internal transmission lines and battery storage, plus temporary facilities for construction.

The declaration was published in the *Government Gazette* on 12 August 2022 and took effect on that day. A copy of the declaration is attached. Also attached is a copy of the major project proposal (MPP) and the MPP eligibility assessment report prepared by the State Planning Office.

Would you please ensure that a copy of the declaration is made available for viewing by way of an electronic address, and at the offices of, the Tasmanian Planning Commission, in accordance with Section 60R(3) of the Act.

I understand the proponent has identified that the project will likely require assessment by the Commonwealth under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA). At present the major projects assessment process is not part of the EPBCA bi-lateral agreement and as such the project will need to be assessed under a one-off bilateral agreement. I can advise the proponent is still considering their options as to whether to have that assessment included in the major projects assessment or to allow that assessment to run separately to the major projects assessment and at the time of declaration the proponent had not decided which way to go yet.

Please note the attached report from the State Planning Office includes all of the submissions received and includes state agency comments which those agencies provided under section 60H of the Act.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the State Planning Office within the Department of Premier and Cabinet on telephone 1300 703 977 or email stateplanning@dpac.tas.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Michael Ferguson MP
Minister for Planning

Attachments:

1. Declaration
2. Major Project Proposal
3. State Planning Office MPP eligibility assessment report