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Consultation – Major Project - Bell Bay Wind Farm

Thank you for your letter of 13 August 2024 and the opportunity to provide comment on the assessment criteria for the Bell Bay Wind Farm Project.

Private Forests Tasmania (PFT) is an independent statutory authority established under the Tasmanian *Private Forests Act 1994*. We work to facilitate and expand the sustainable growth and development of the private forest resource in Tasmania. We do this through providing information to private forest growers, through research collaborations, advocacy, innovation and planning tools. Under our [Corporate Plan 2024-27](#) one of our four goals is to work with policy makers and regulators to improve regulatory efficiency and practical policy settings for private forestry.

As depicted in the project overview document, the footprint of the proposed wind farm intersects with several private forestry interests. There are at least 3 Private Timber Reserves in the footprint and at least one active Forest Practices Plan on private property also within the footprint.

PFT recommends that the assessment criteria for the project address any impacts on these private forestry interests and more broadly on the private forest timber resource within the footprint.

If you have any queries on the points we have raised, please contact me on 0409 843 928 or our Policy & Data Officer Murray Root on 0424 601 819.

Yours sincerely,



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