

TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION

Cellars Hill Wind Farm Major Project Draft Assessment Criteria and Draft MNES Guidelines Invitation to make a representation

The Development Assessment Panel for the Cellars Hill Wind Farm Major Project invites representations on the draft assessment criteria and draft guidelines for assessment of matters of national environmental significance.

The Cellars Hill Wind Farm Pty Ltd proposes to develop and operate a windfarm, battery energy storage and associated infrastructure near Bothwell, within the Central Highlands of Tasmania, approximately 72 km northwest of Hobart.

The major project was determined to be a controlled action on 14 March 2025 under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) to be assessed by accredited assessment under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

The relevant matters protected by the EPBC Act are listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A), and listed migratory species (sections 20 and 20A), including, but not limited to:

- Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax fleayi*); and
- Latham's Snipe (*Gallinago hardwickii*).

The draft assessment criteria, draft guidelines for assessment of matters of national environmental significance (MNES guidelines), and major project proposal can be viewed in person at the Commission's offices from 9am until 5pm, Monday to Friday at Level 3, 144 Macquarie Street, Hobart. They may also be viewed and downloaded from the Commission website at www.planning.tas.gov.au.

Comments can be made in writing to the Commission from 17 July 2025 until 30 July 2025, by email to tpc@planning.tas.gov.au, or post to the Tasmanian Planning Commission, GPO Box 1691, Hobart, TAS 7001.

If you require further information please contact the Tasmanian Planning Commission on 6165 6828 or by email to tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

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