

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT NOTICE	
Relevant Regulator:	Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas)
Declared Major Project:	Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy
Date of Notice:	11 April 2024

I, Jason Jacobi, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas), acting in accordance with section 60ZA(1)(b) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA), for the reasons specified in this Notice, require that the Panel include the matters specified in this Notice in the assessment criteria to be determined under section 60ZM of LUPAA for the Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy Project (the Major Project).

NRE Tas has considered the Major Project Proposal referred to me by the Tasmanian Planning Commission by letter dated 13 March 2024. This Notice contains the matters that NRE Tas, as a Relevant Regulator, requires to be contained in the assessment criteria in relation to the Major Project, as matters which the Major Project Impact Statement (MPIS) is required to address as being relevant to the decision of NRE Tas giving the Regulator's final advice under section 60ZZF in relation to the Major Project; and the reasons why the Relevant Regulator has specified in this Notice the matters referred to above.

Permits may be required for the Major Project in accordance with the following project-associated Acts administered by NRE Tas:

- 1) the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* (TSPA); and
- 2) the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* (NCA).

Relevant assessment criteria for these Acts are addressed below.

Matters to be included in the Assessment Criteria

1. Threatened flora species - provide an assessment of how the potential impacts of the Major Project on aquatic and terrestrial flora species listed under the TSPA are avoided, mitigated or offset and provide details of any proposed measures to mitigate or offset adverse impacts on these species, where impacts cannot be avoided.

Reason for Matter 1: There is a likelihood of a number of flora species listed under the TSPA to be present within the Project Land, and the potential for these species to be impacted.

2. Threatened fauna species - provide an assessment of how the potential impacts of the Major Project on aquatic, avian and terrestrial fauna listed under the TSPA and their habitats are avoided, mitigated or offset and provide details of any proposed measures to minimise, mitigate or offset adverse impacts on listed fauna where impacts cannot be avoided.

Reason for Matter 2: There is a likelihood of a number of fauna species listed under the TSPA to be present within the Project Land, and the potential for these species to be impacted.

3. Products of wildlife - provide an assessment of how products of wildlife, as listed under the NCA, will be impacted by the Major Project and provide details of any proposed measures to minimise, avoid or offset adverse impacts on the products of wildlife where the impacts cannot be avoided.

Reason for Matter 3: There is a likelihood that products of wildlife identified under the NCA will be impacted.

Signed:



Jason Jacobi

Secretary

Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania