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WHALEBACK RIDGE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Major Project - Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy project, and associated assessment criteria.

The Forest Practices Authority (the Authority) has a statutory role as defined under the *Forest Practices Act 1985*. For forest practices, a forest practices plan (FPP) would be required unless circumstances, as prescribed under the *Forest Practices Regulations 2017*, apply.

Where forest practices are being undertaken and require a certified FPP, the specific planning assessments are required to both identify and manage particular values. A list of the Authority's planning tools is attached.

In addition, the Authority has a policy (*'The use of offsets to compensate for the loss of significant biodiversity values within forest practices plans'*) which may apply where such values are significantly impacted and/or lost due to forest practices being undertaken. The Authority will determine any offsets on a case by case basis and in accordance with the General Principles for Biodiversity Offsets, issued and/or amended by DPIPWE.

In regards to the Whaleback Ridge Major Projects Proposal, it is noted the area is large and floristically and topographically complex, and likely to contain significant environmental values, particularly threatened species. It appears that some project areas include Permanent timber production zone lands within which a FPP would be required if forest practices were undertaken.

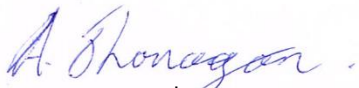
However, as the project has been declared to be a Major Project under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act), and as we are unaware that an FPP is being

developed as part of this project, the Authority has not undertaken an assessment of the criteria or impacts on environmental values.

An assessment of the Forest Practices Plan (FPPs) layer available on theLIST (thelist.tas.gov.au), indicate there are a number of historical and two current FPPs (GEW0512 and MGR0091) that may be within the projects boundaries. However, and in particular to those two current FPPs, the scale of mapping is unclear and it is recommended that the proponents undertake further work to avoid potential regulatory conflicts. Such an assessment should be undertaken before any approval is granted to ensure that regulatory impacts and/or restrictions on existing or potentially new FPPs are appropriately identified and addressed.

Please contact this office if there is further information required.

Yours sincerely



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FPA Planning Tools

Notifications database
Earth sciences and cultural heritage evaluation sheet
Earth sciences and cultural heritage evaluation sheet for small FPPs
Historical site recording form
AH Site Recording Form.
Landscape evaluation sheet
Raptor database
Biodiversity evaluation flow diagram
Biodiversity evaluation sheet for clearance and conversion
Biodiversity evaluation sheet for native forest operations
Biodiversity evaluation sheet for plantation operations
Biodiversity evaluation sheet for plantation thinning and small plantation operations
Biodiversity evaluation sheet for quarries
Biodiversity Values Database (BVD)
Fauna habitat descriptions
Flora habitat descriptions and survey notes
Threatened Species Adviser (TSA) - Fauna
Threatened Species Adviser (TSA) - Plants
Forest Botany Manual Module 1 - Introductory Module
Forest Botany Manual Module 2 - Woolnorth Region
Forest Botany Manual Module 3 - Ben Lomond Region
Forest Botany Manual Module 4 - Freycinet Region
Forest Botany Manual Module 5 - Midlands Region
Forest Botany Manual Module 6 - D'Entrecasteaux Region
Forest Botany Manual Module 7 - Central Highlands Region
Forest Botany Manual Module 8 - West and Southwest Region
Forest Botany Manual Module ? - Flinders Island Region
Habitat context assessment tool
Fauna Technical Note 1 - Eagle nest management
Fauna Technical Note 2 - Mature habitat availability
Fauna Technical Note 3 - Swift parrot breeding habitat
Fauna Technical Note 4 - Broad-toothed stag beetle survey protocol
Fauna Technical Note 5 - Mt Mangana stag beetle survey protocol
Fauna Technical Note 6 - Using the wedge-tailed eagle nesting habitat model
Fauna Technical Note 7 - Wildlife habitat clumps
Fauna Technical Note 8 - Wildlife habitat strip location and management guidelines
Fauna Technical Note 9 - Fauna record sheet
Fauna Technical Note 10 - Identifying Tasmanian devil and spotted-tailed quoll habitat
Fauna Technical Note 11 - Methods for surveying for threatened stag beetle species
Fauna Technical Note 12 - Goshawk habitat categories
Fauna Technical Note 13 - Method for surveying for the keeled snail
Fauna Technical Note 14 - Nest identification
Fauna Technical Note 15 - Culverts

Fauna Technical Note 16 - Assessing the suitability of headwater (class 4) streams for the giant freshwater crayfish
Fauna Technical Note 17 - Identifying masked owl habitat
Fauna Technical Note 18 - Threatened frogs
Flora Technical Note 1 - Flora values and the forest practices system
Flora Technical Note 2 - Useful references on Tasmania's flora
Flora Technical Note 3 - Collecting and preserving plant specimens
Flora Technical Note 4 - Relict rainforest management
Flora Technical Note 5 - Treefern identification and management
Flora Technical Note 6 - Sphagnum communities
Flora Technical Note 8 - Phytophthora
Flora Technical Note 12 - Management of gene flow from plantation eucalypts
Flora Technical Note 13 - Habitat suitability models
Significant Habitat Planning Guideline
Threatened native vegetation communities information sheets
Tasmanian treefern management plan
Botany Manuals Module 9: species identification kit
Tree hollows booklet
The Wedge-tailed Eagle Nesting Habitat Model
Bat booklet
Biodiversity landscape planning guideline
Landscape Values Viewer (LVV)
Eagle Line of Site Model
BVD threatened species list - justifications