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Mr John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission
Email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr Ramsay

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993
Declaration of Major Project – Bell Bay Wind Farm

In accordance with Section 60R of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, I am writing to notify you of the decision of the Hon Felix Ellis MP, Minister for Housing and Planning, to declare the proposed Bell Bay Wind Farm a major project.

The Bell Bay Wind Farm Project is intended to generate approximately 224 megawatts (MW) of electricity. It includes up to 28 wind turbine generators (WTGs), a battery energy storage system (BESS), new transmission line, buildings, and associated infrastructure underground and overhead cables, collector substations, hardstand areas, internal roads, site office and workshop, connection into the Tasmanian transmission network, and temporary facilities for construction.

The declaration was published in the *Government Gazette* on 2 August 2024 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 notice is made available for viewing by way of an electronic address, and at the offices of the Commission, in accordance with Section 60R(3) of the Act.

The proponent has identified that the Project will likely require assessment by the Commonwealth under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA) and has elected to allow that assessment to run separately to the major projects' assessment.

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' with a small 'in' written above it.

Simon Arnold
Acting Director

Attachments:

1. Declaration
2. Major Project Proposal
3. State Planning Office MPP Report to the Minister – eligibility assessment