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Your Reference: Referral of Major Project – Bell Bay Wind Farm (Equis) - Attention Luke Newman

Thank you for the TPC notification confirming the declaration of the Bell Bay Wind Farm as a Major Project under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and for identifying TasRail as a relevant government business and adjoining landowner.

In accordance with section 60ZJ of the LUPA Act, TasRail submits the following comments to be specified and identified in the assessment criteria and major project impact statement.

- It is TasRail's understanding that the only rail interface with the Bell Bay Wind Farm will be through the power line infrastructure that is proposed to cross over the operational Bell Bay Railway line. It is understood the location where transmission lines are proposed to cross is in reasonable proximity to other existing HV power lines which also cross over the Bell Bay rail line.
- It is important that the TPC recognise and acknowledge the provisions set out in Division 3 of the *Rail Infrastructure Act 2007 (Tas)* and TasRail's rights (as the Rail Infrastructure Manager) under this Act. Specifically I draw your attention to S29, S30, S31 and S34.
- In accordance with the Rail Infrastructure Act, TasRail has explained to the MPP Proponent (Equis Wind Australia) that the designs and methodology for the power infrastructure proposed to cross the railway will need to be agreed with TasRail, and Equis must to apply to property@tasrail.com.au for a TasRail Permit Authority to undertake the installation works, including at any time access to the rail corridor is required for any purpose.
- I can confirm that Equis Wind has undertaken early engagement with TasRail, and through its representative Talbot Matthews, Equis has acknowledged TasRail's legislative rights and provided assurance to TasRail that it will comply with TasRail's infrastructure standards, installation conditions and permit process, which will include a requirement that transmission line towers/abutments be located outside of the rail corridor.
- At this point in time, Equis has not submitted final designs or installation methodology to TasRail but it is acknowledged this would be premature until the MPP assessment process is complete.
- In accordance with S34 of the Act, I am of the view that TasRail will not require a service infrastructure licence from TasRail for the power lines to cross the railway. This advice has been provided to Equis in an email dated 2 August 2024.

TasRail requests that the MPP assessment criteria and the major project impact statement for the Bell Bay Wind Farm specifically acknowledge TasRail's rights to set installation conditions in accordance with Division 3 of the *Rail Infrastructure Act 2007*.

In closing can I please ask that any future correspondence from the EPA on this or other matter be directed to the property@tasrail.com.au email address as I am finishing with TasRail as of 25 August 2024..

Regards

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