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Ms Ann Cunningham
Chairperson – Development Assessment Panel
North East Wind Major Project
Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear Ms Cunningham,

SES SUBMISSION – NORTH EAST WIND MAJOR PROJECT – DRAFT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

In response to your letter of the 26 June 2023, notifying exhibition of Draft Assessment Criteria for the North East Wind Major Project, the State Emergency Service (SES) have prepared this submission.

In its submission to the Tasmanian Planning Commission on the North East Wind Major Project dated 3 October 2022, the SES recommended development of assessment criteria related to:

- Flood-prone area hazards;
- Coastal inundation hazards; and
- Emergency management.

SES note that the exhibited draft assessment criterion include criteria that address the above matters and the assessment criteria are therefore supported by SES.

The exhibited document, *Draft Assessment Criteria – North East Wind Major Project – June 2023*, under **Section 4.7 Building, siting and design**, provides the following assessment criterion:

The design and siting of buildings, works, signs and subdivision:

- *provide for the safe and effective operation of the major project;*
- *minimise the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses;*
- ***minimise the risk of and adverse effects from natural or manmade hazards, and pollution is avoided or managed to an acceptable level;***
and
- *provide for signs that are compatible with the visual amenity of the locality and minimise adverse effects for transport users.*

The “Context” for the above assessment criterion includes:

The extent to which buildings and works are designed and sited to:

- ***provide for the ability to manoeuvre vehicles on the site, the ability of emergency services to access the site, and the safety of vehicle crossings and the road network;***
- ***manage risks from bushfire, flood, coastal erosion, and coastal inundation;***
- ***minimise the risk of causing or contributing to flood, coastal erosion, and coastal inundation on the project land and adjacent land; and***
- *minimise the potential for adverse effects on the environment and amenity of adjoining land, due to emissions of wastewater, stormwater, noise, vibration, dust, or other pollutants.*

SES take this opportunity to inform the development assessment panel about the Tasmanian Strategic Flood Mapping project that has generated flood extent and hazard maps for the land covered by the Major Project proposal. SES can provide this mapping to the development assessment panel for its information and use during the assessment process however, the mapping may not be suitable for use for design and construction purposes.

Please contact the Manager Flood Policy Unit – Chris Irvine, on 6173 2700, or by email chris.irvine@ses.tas.gov.au , if you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this submission.

Yours sincerely,



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